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Not in the cannon's roar, the trumpet blast,
Or rattling sabre, we recall the past;
Nor yet with braggart tongue seek to acclaim
Our rightful sonship in an honoured name;
But, with a grateful heart and rev'rent mien,
We bridge the years 'tween now and what has been,
And, in a solemn silence, pledge a toast
To that great dead yet ever-living host
Of statesmen, traders, loyal pioneers,
By whose brave deeds our fair Dominion rears.
Ah, Canada! none but Canadians know
The aching love we bear though seldom show;
The confidence and calm, the joy, the zest
Which we have drawn abundant from thy breast
Till now we stand, to man's estate full-grown,—
The spreading maple from a seedling blown—
Wide as the seas, reaching from Line to Pole,
With brotherhood of all mankind the goal.
Thus, with a flow'ring sense of nationhood,
We hail the future as Canadians should,
Setting our shoulders to the common load,
Fitting this land we love for man's abode;
Fearless in right, contesting what is wrong,
Speeding that Dawn which man has waited long,
With malice, hate and greed forever hurled
From Canada, the Empire and the world.
Thus, in our pride of manhood, as we scan
The coming years that hold this vaster plan,
Sons of a union born of a peace within,
Salute thee, Canada, our parent kin.
And this our prayer, as to the daily task
Our duty calls us, this alone we ask:
May "reason, truth and justice" ever stand
The triune symbol of our native land,
Binding with love our country strong and free,
And crowning this our Diamond Jubilee.

—Robert Watson.

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Service

By A. J. WATSON, Manager of Victoria Store

WE hear much about service. The word is often used by hundreds of stores without any apparent purpose except to create a favourable impression. Now, just what is service as it relates to our business? How does it function to the patron of our store, and what are the effects produced by our service and our methods upon those who patronize us?

The word "service" possesses for us greater potentialities for good than any other one thing in the business dictionary. The great human family is much the same wherever born and bred. The differences are largely minor, for all are responsive to kindly personal attention, which sinks far down in the mental crevices and performs for us when all else fails.

Looking through the pages of a magazine recently, I was struck by the advertisement of one of the great railway systems. The opening words of the advertisement stated, "The character of the public service rendered by a railway system depends upon the character of the men who operate it."

If our advertisements carry a tinge of misrepresentation, if we carry goods of doubtful value, if our sales staff is inattentive, if our delivery department falls down, if our office makes mistakes, if our adjustment department has a reputation for being unfair, then our service is poor. There are scores of things in every department store that may cause poor service and result in hurt to our reputation.

When we operate a business, we agree to render a definite service to the public. Our object is to make money and build a business edifice that will carry our name as a household word to those whom we serve. The whole atmosphere of success is permeated with the word service, and he who fashions his policy around this magic word must build an enduring business structure.

How often it happens that men who are successful ease up in their efforts, getting the idea that they are superior to their competitors. They disregard the simplest rules of good business, losing sight of the things which originally brought them success.

Most stores are able to purchase goods in the same markets as we do. They can equip their stores with fixtures that will appeal to the eye; they can apparently do all the things we are doing; but because they can do these things is no reason why their success will be equal to ours. If we have mastered the mysteries of the word service, if we understand what it signifies, then we will stand supreme in our field.

Service begins at our business door and never stops until the transaction is completed. Our whole store must be pulsating with it, if it is our desire to realise fully on our investment.

Excellence of merchandising, liberal advertising, location, will all attract business, but these things alone will not build business. Practising the things we like to preach finds a hearty reception and imitation from the public. Inspiring our fellow employee by precept and practice nearly always gets results. Doing the things we ought to do to the public and our organization is a sane, safe and sure road to better service; greater courtesy, more cheerfulness, a larger business with more profit and a more loyal force of employees.

Good-will is not a commodity that is vended in the market place. It must be worked for and earned. Its acquisition does not come in a day or a year. Nothing will acquire it so rapidly as courtesy and service.

Fort Augustus and Fort Edmonton

The site of old Fort Augustus, abandoned in 1807, was officially marked by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada on Monday, August 8, 1927. The unveiling of the cairn was performed by Lieutenant-Governor Egbert of Alberta in the presence of several hundreds of interested spectators.

In addition to the lieutenant-governor, the following gentlemen spoke on this historic occasion: Judge F. W. Howay, New Westminster; Chief Factor James Thomson, member of the Canadian Committee of the Hudson's Bay Company; A. H. Gibson, Fort Saskatchewan; and Hon. Dr. A. C. Rutherford, ex-premier of Alberta.

The following inscription appears on the cairn:

"On the river flat below stood Fort Augustus, established by the North-West Company in 1794; Fort Edmonton, established by the Hudson's Bay Company in 1795.

"Rivals in trade, allies in danger, these companies carried the flag and commerce of Britain by way of the great rivers from the shores of the Atlantic ocean and Hudson Bay to the Pacific and Arctic oceans.

"These posts were abandoned in 1807."

The South Shetland Whalers

By J. INNES WILSON, H.B.C., St. Johns, Newfoundland

THE whaling season in the south was just commencing. I left my station on the West Falkland Islands and sailed for Stanley, situated round the northeast corner of the East Falkland Island. The *Bombay*, with her attendant three steam whale-catchers, arrived at Port William on 8th December. We sailed the same night, and soon were ploughing our way to the south through a romping westerly swell, with the little whale-catchers rolling and tumbling on ahead.

The South Shetland Islands and Graham's Land, as dependencies of the colony of the Falkland Islands, extend south from 61°. The South Shetlands proper is a volcanic archipelago of about twelve large islands, separated by deep channels and a number of islets and rocks. Almost everywhere the land is bold and rugged, rising abruptly from the sea in perpendicular snowy and ice-bound cliffs, except where here and there the naked face of a barren black rock protrudes from this glittering mass. The whole country is bleak and terribly forbidding.

To enter the main channel, Bransfield Strait, we passed through Nelson Strait, between Nelson and Robert islands. From about the middle of December to nearly the end of January, there is no real night or darkness in these latitudes. After the sun has set, a lingering twilight remains until sunrise. We finally anchored at Port Foster about 8 a.m., taking exactly three and a half days from Stanley. We learned at the same time that whales, particularly the blue whale, were very numerous all around the island. All hands proceeded rapidly to get the ship into working order. The three catchers were provided with great whaling lines, grenades, harpoons and gunpowder, and set off for the chase.

After remaining at Deception Island for eight days, I decided to proceed with the *Bombay* to Mikkelsen Harbour, near the northerly entrance to Belgica Strait. Fog enveloped us nearly the whole way. The deadly stillness, for it was perfectly calm, was only broken now and again by the metallic "tin-panny" spout of an unseen whale, or the bray of an inquisitive or frightened penguin. At last the fog lifted, and, after careful manoeuvring, we came safely to anchor in the Mikkelsen bight about 5 a.m. What a picture of utter desolation and savageness, even in the now glorious sunshine of an early morning! We were practically surrounded on three sides by high glittering glaciers, which spluttered and crackled as the heat of day advanced. Great pieces of ice were continually breaking off and crashing into the water, while in the distance we could hear occasionally the deep thunderous roar of an avalanche.

After spending a few weeks with the whalers in Belgica Strait, Graham's Land, I returned north to Deception Island, where an additional two whaling factory-ships had arrived with their attendant whale-catchers. Right throughout the whaling season up to the month of February, the

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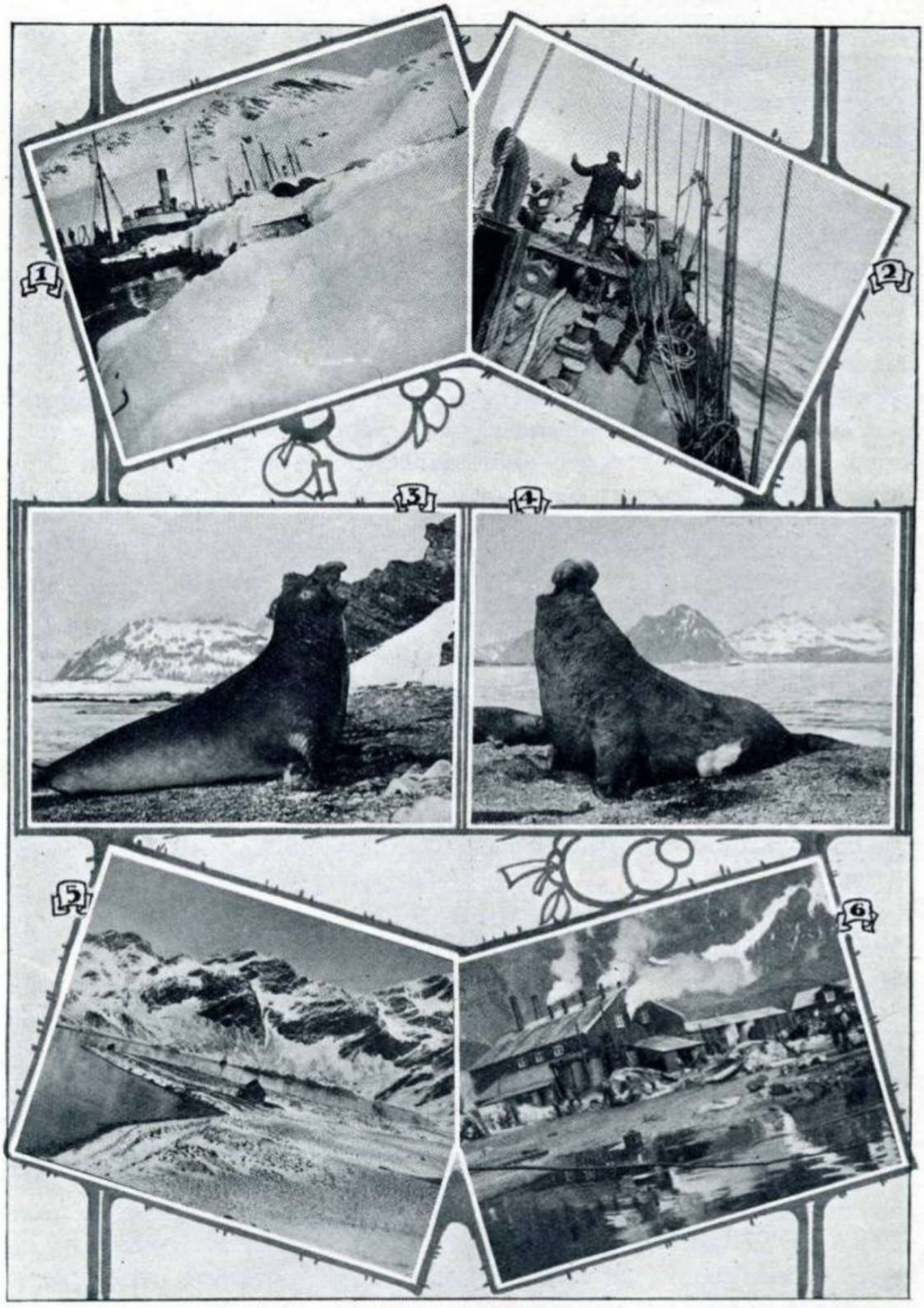


1, Steam Whale Catchers During Hard Winter, South Georgia.
2, "There She Blows!" Harpooner at Work. *3, An Angry Sea Elephant.*
4, A Much Scarred Warrior. *5, King Edward Cove, South Georgia.*
6, Whaling Station, South Georgia.

abundance of whales was nothing short of astounding. It was no uncommon sight to see the whale-catchers coming in with six huge blue whales.

Modern whaling at the South Shetlands commenced in the year 1906, when a Norwegian expedition made an experimental visit. The venture was successful, and great possibilities were foreseen, with the result that within the next two or three years there was quite a southern rush of Norwegian whalemen. Whaling operations were now conducted on an unprecedented scale, and the South Shetlands became a whaler's El Dorado.

During the earlier years of the industry, in most cases the blubber only was flenched off the whales; but since the introduction of pressure boilers, as required by the whaling license, waste has been greatly obviated.

A so-called whaling floating-factory is in most cases an old tramp steamer refitted with "trying out" boilers, oil tanks and accessories. These vessels can carry anything from fifteen thousand to over thirty thousand barrels of oil (forty gallons to the barrel), and employ from sixty to a hundred men, mostly Norwegians.

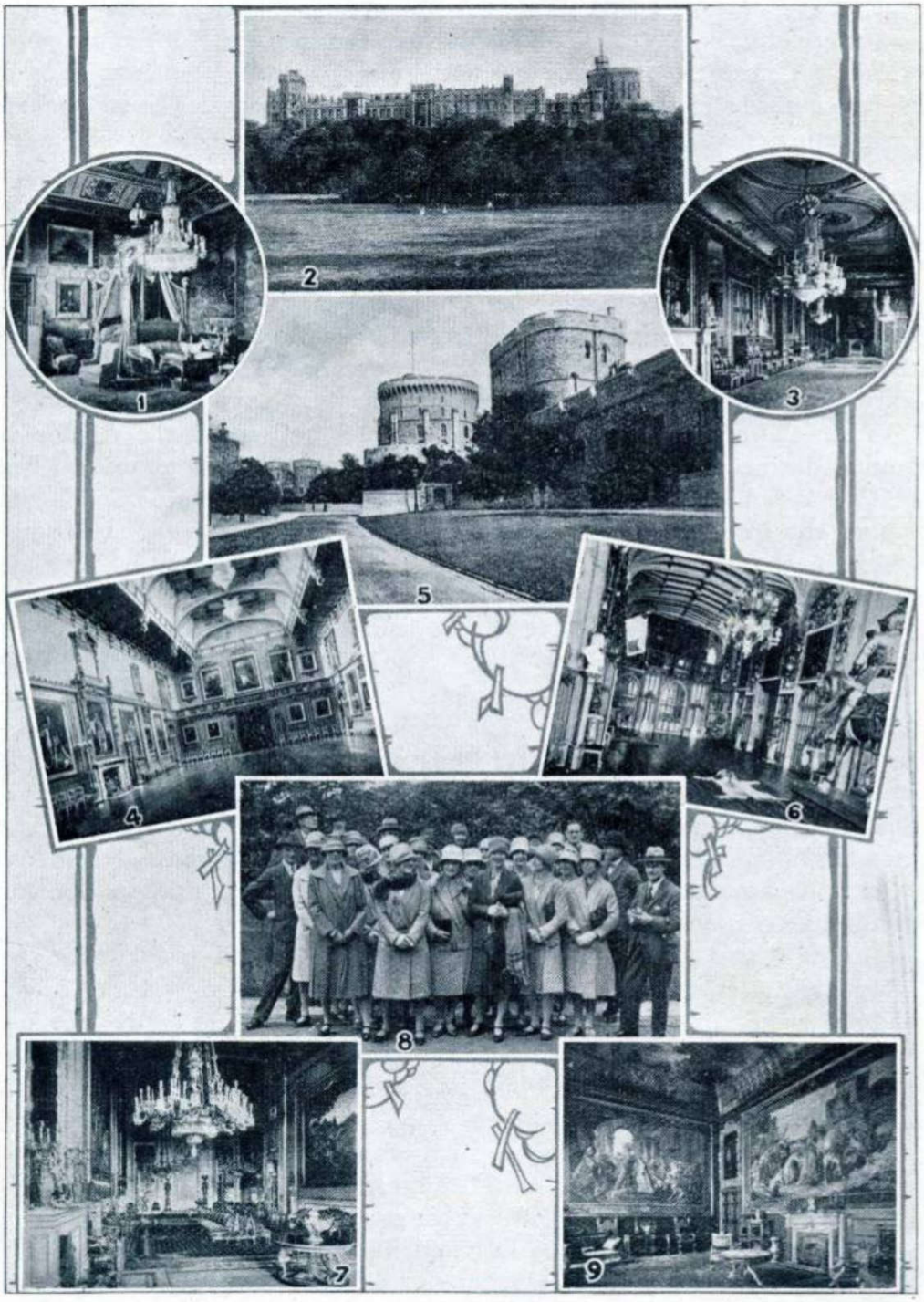
After the oil is extracted from the bones and meat, the residue is ground down and bagged as a fertiliser known as "whale guano." The blubber is boiled down into oil after about ten hours steaming. The oil is then run into large tanks holding from a thousand to eighty thousand gallons each. Since 1906, the whaling industry of the South Shetlands has reached an output of well over two hundred thousand barrels.

In recent years, the bulk of the oil has been produced from the blue and fin whale, especially the blue. The whales are shot with bomb-harpoons from the bows of the whale steamer, and then inflated with air and towed to the factory-ship. The whale is stripped of blubber, with the assistance of steam winches, after longitudinal incisions have been made by the "flenchers" with hand knives or long lances. The blubber is finally cut into blocks or pieces of convenient size and boiled down. The crew and workmen receive wages and also a share of the value of the "catch," hence the success of everyone depends upon the skill and fortune of the harpoon gunner.

In the course of my second visit to Deception Island, towards the end of January, I spent some time wandering amongst its soft glacier ridges and cinder heaps. Viewed under a cold gray sky, I could hardly imagine anything more dreary and so utterly desolate and depressive as these regions—lava beds and soft sliding glacier debris everywhere.

In conclusion, my experience of the climate of the South Shetland Islands can be briefly described. Here reigns, practically, an everlasting winter. During the summer months there are sometimes a number of calm, sunny days, but very few. This season of the year may be compared with a dull November in England, when the wind blows commonly from the northeast, usually bringing with it rain, sleet and snow. Fogs, too, are very prevalent during the summer time. Hail seldom falls. The winter has been described as "one long starless night," which I can well believe from my experience during the considered best months.

Windsor Castle



Views of Royal Windsor, exterior and interior, with the members of the H.B.C. London Staff who visited the castle.

A Visit to Royal Windsor

By M.A.C.D., London Office

THE Beaver Club paid a most enjoyable visit to Royal Windsor on the 3rd July. The small caravan of cars arrived at the famous old White Hart in High Street, Windsor, about 3.15 p.m. We alighted and proceeded to the castle through Henry VIII's gateway, up Castle Hill, past the beautiful Moat Garden and on to the Northern Terrace, where one may get a wonderful view of the surrounding country with Eton College and the Chiltern Hills in the distance.

Mr. Hopfenkopf took a snap of the party on this terrace.

The grand staircase and the state apartments, in which exquisite furniture, rugs and pictures abound, all had to be taken in very speedily, as our guide, although glib of tongue, was determined to waste no time.

The French tapestries, the paintings by Verrio and a splendid series of portraits by Holbein were exceedingly beautiful, whilst one of the drawing-rooms was specially devoted to Vandyck's portraits.

We passed through that beautiful banqueting hall furnished in blue and gold in keeping with the Noble Order of the Garter, which, it is said, was founded partly on the story of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table—the Round Tower being the supposed site of the table. It was not until Edward III's reign that the Order of the Garter was instituted.

The Guard Chamber was a perfect armoury, beautifully arranged. There hung a shield presented by Francis I to Henry VIII on the Field of the Cloth of Gold, and two flags—one in memory of the Battle of Blenheim, which hung over the bust of Marlborough, the other, of Waterloo, above the bust of Wellington. These flags are renewed on the anniversaries of the two famous battles. On the floor stood a solid gold footstool in the shape of a tiger's head, Tippo's jewelled peacock and numerous other treasures from monarchs all over the world.

Sir Christopher Wren and John Wyatt, afterwards Sir Jeffry Wyattville, both architects, played prominent parts in the alteration and rebuilding of different parts of the castle.

After a very nice tea at the White Hart, some of the party went down to Eton College, while others took the road down High Street, past the parish church of St. John the Baptist (first built about 1189, a church with an interesting history), through Windsor Great Park to the Ascot race course. We did not touch Runnymead, so famous for the signing of the Magna Charta.

We stopped a while at Stoke Poges Church, where Gray, the poet, is buried; and then on to Burnham Beeches, where the villagers were holding a fair and where, needless to say, we had a little fun.

At Beaconsfield we made for home, after a glorious outing with no rain, which, after all, is the great thing in good old England just now.

To His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

May it please Your Royal Highness,

We, the Governor and Company of Adventurers of England trading into Hudson's Bay, take the opportunity of your visit to Canada to offer to Your Royal Highness this expression of our loyalty as subjects of His Majesty the King.

By virtue of the power and authority to us Given by King Charles the Second by His Letters Patent under the Great Seal of England, bearing date the second day of May in the year One thousand, six hundred and seventy, we are privileged to ask you to graciously allow us to Yield and Pay to Your Royal Highness the symbols of our submission, namely, two Elk Heads and two Black Beaver Skins.

Nowhere in the Kingdom of Your Illustrious Father are the ties of Empire more firmly knit than in Canada, and particularly in this Rupert's Land where Your Royal Highness is domiciled. We count ourselves fortunate in welcoming Your Royal Highness, and trust that your visit to this Great Dominion, which had its birth in the grant to our first Governor, Prince Rupert, may be one of happiness and rest from the arduous labours of State.

Given under our Common Seal the Twenty second day of July in the Year of our Lord One thousand, nine hundred and twenty seven.

George W. Allan
Chairman of the Canadian Committee

Charles V Sale
Governor.

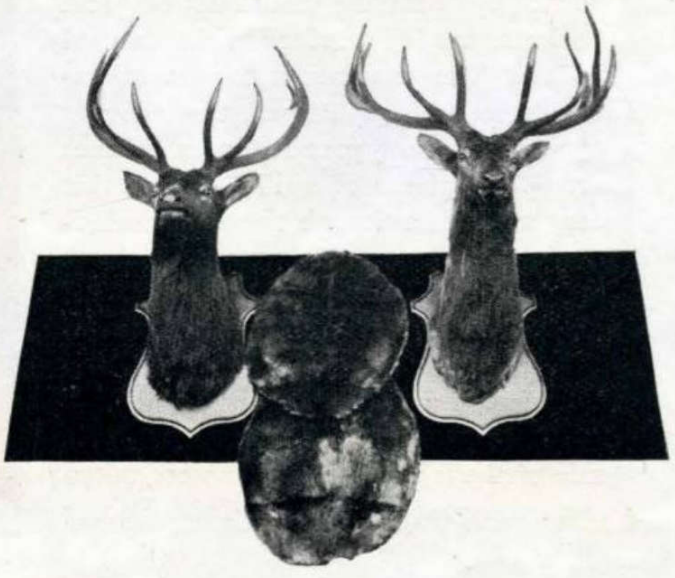
H.B.C. Presentation to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales

Winnipeg, 9th August, 1927

THE charter granted by King Charles the Second on the 2nd May, 1670, to the Governor and Company of Adventurers of England trading into Hudson's Bay is a lengthy document, from which the following few lines are extracted: "And further we do, by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, make, create, and constitute the said Governor and Company for the time being, and their successors, the true and absolute Lords and proprietors of the same territory . . . yielding and paying yearly to us, our heirs and successors, for the same, two elks and two black beavers, whensoever and as often as we, our heirs and successors, shall happen to enter into the said countries, territories and regions hereby granted."

Although the Deed of Surrender giving up the governing and some of the proprietary rights of the Company was accepted by Her Late Majesty Queen Victoria in 1870, it was thought appropriate, on the occasion of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales visiting what was formerly Rupert's Land, to offer to His Royal Highness an expression of loyalty as subjects of his Majesty the King, and to make this expression in accordance with the spirit of the charter.

Accordingly, two elk heads and two beaver skins were presented to His Royal Highness by the Governor and Company of Adventurers of England trading into Hudson's Bay.



The Elk Heads—From Manitoba. One has twelve points, girth 10 inches and spread 39 inches. The other has fourteen points, girth 10¼ inches and spread 46 inches. Both are mounted on oak shields.

The Beaver Skins—Manitoba beaver, 38 by 28 inches and 34 by 26 inches. These

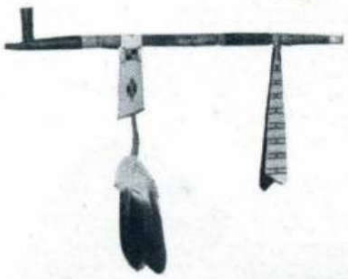
two beaver skins are in the raw state, just as sold in the H.B.C. auctions in London.

The presentation was made at the Canadian Pacific Railway station in Winnipeg on Tuesday, the 9th August, by Mr. G. W. Allan, K.C., one of the London Committee and Chairman of the Canadian Committee, in the presence of his colleague, Mr. George F. Galt, and the following officers of the Company's service: W. S. Lecky, Secretary, Canadian Committee; R. Peirson, Assistant Secretary, Canadian Committee; R. Watson, Editor *The Beaver* Magazine; Chief Factor C. H. French, Fur Trade Commissioner; W. M. Conn, S. J. C. Cumming, John White, J. Woolison, Fur Trade; H. F. Harman, Land Commissioner; G. Tedman, Land Department; W. J. Scott, R. A. Cunningham, A. J. Ketchen, B. H. Cooke, B. Millar, J. H. Mark, H. W. Anderson, A. G. Donaldson, Winnipeg Retail Store; A. H. Doe, Superintendent of Store Construction; W. M. McLean, Store Construction Department; E. H. Gamble, T. Nicholls, H.B.C. Overseas Settlement Limited; C. W. Veysey, A. Brock, J. Poitras, Winnipeg Wholesale; N. B. Francis, J. D. Gemmill, Accounts Department; D. H. Laird, K.C., G. H. Davis, K.C., E. F. Haffner, W. J. Tupper, K.C., G. C. McTavish, Solicitors.

Souvenirs Presented to the Right Honourable Stanley Baldwin and Mrs. Baldwin

THE following are descriptions of Indian souvenirs which accompanied these gifts presented to Great Britain's Premier and Mrs. Baldwin by the Governor and Company of Adventurers of England trading into Hudson's Bay on the occasion of their visit to Winnipeg on August 9, 1927.

The jacket is of moose skin tanned white by natives; the buttons and pockets are of caribou skin tanned white. The ornaments consist of native porcupine quill work, the weaving of which is now practically an extinct art. The pieces of quill work on this coat are old, although the coat itself is modern. The coat is sewn with sinew throughout. The fur on the jacket includes white fox, blue fox, ermine, winter ermine, chinchilla rabbit, baby seal and mink. The two long and narrow porcupine quill strips on each side of the front of the coat were taken from the coat of the late Chief Factor



J. S. Camsell, who for many years was in charge of the Company's Mackenzie River district.

The Indian pipe, consisting of a stone bowl and wooden stem, is a typical pipe made by the Indians for their own use. The beadwork and eagle feathers, however, have been added to indicate the kind of ornamentation which Indians attach to their pipes for ceremonial purposes. Such pipes were used in connection with peace, war, trade and probably other events, and some of them were highly decorated by carving and inlaying the bowl and stem, as well as having ornaments attached.

The woman's dress, slipper moccasins and gloves are made of caribou skin tanned white, and are ornamented with porcupine quills, silk, ermine tails, et cetera, the work of natives and half-breeds.

The cradle is of a type made and used by Indians for many generations throughout the interior of Canada. This particular specimen was obtained by the manager of the Hudson's Bay Company's post at Obijuan, province of Quebec, about 260 miles north northwest of Montreal, in 1923.

The beaded mossbag or cover is also typical native work, made for themselves. It came from the Hudson's Bay Company's store at Yorkton, Saskatchewan, where it had been lying for many years, and was made by Indians in the neighbourhood.

The little pillow and coloured shawl are such as the Indian mothers delight in. The moss is obtained in western Ontario, and the model head of an Indian baby has been made to indicate just how the cradle and mossbag appear when in use. The following additional notes regarding sphagnum moss are of interest:

Sphagnum Moss—Sphagnum is a species of moss which grows in numerous marshes in the Canadian Northland.

This moss is collected by the Indian women and girls in the autumn. During the early winter frosts, it is spread out and left on stumps and fallen trees to dry and bleach almost white. When sufficient time has elapsed for the moss to have become thoroughly matured and ready for use, the women make a fresh trip to the swamp, when they collect and take it to camp with dogs or upon their backs. It is then stored until required. This moss is a valuable

Indian household commodity. On account of its absorbent properties, it is preferred to ordinary floorcloths for scouring purposes: it leaves a clean white that is not obtainable by other means. It is used for the drying of dishes and enamelware.

It is also used extensively by Indian mothers in the care of their babies. The mossbag or cradle is strewn with sphagnum moss to about three inches thick. The naked child is laid on this soft springy bed and its limbs also wrapped about with the moss. After the mossbag has been laced and the baby's head covered, the baby is ready for sleep. The moss is changed mornings and evenings, thus keeping the baby fresh and sweet.

During the mosquito season a covering of mosquito netting is placed over the baby's head. It can then be hung up in a tree in its little, tightly-laced Indian cradle, comfortable and snug at all seasons of the year. A few extra coverings about the baby are used in cold weather, and a shawl makes a shade when the light is strong.

When the Indian mother is setting rabbit snares or building camp, the child, encased in the mossbag, is often carried on her back. When it goes to sleep it is hung up on a nail or swung from the branch of a tree, or stood against a wall or a log.

Even should this wonderful little cradle fall, its precious contents are just as safe from hurt as a well-packed piece of delicate china would be, so cleverly has the mossbag been conceived. The hood frame is so constructed as to prevent the child's head being hurt.

This Indian cradle and mossbag is in general use by all Indian mothers in every part of North America, except by the Eskimos, who carry their naked babes inside the hoods of their parkas.

The Five Ages of Man

"Daddy, I know how to do everything," said the little boy of five.

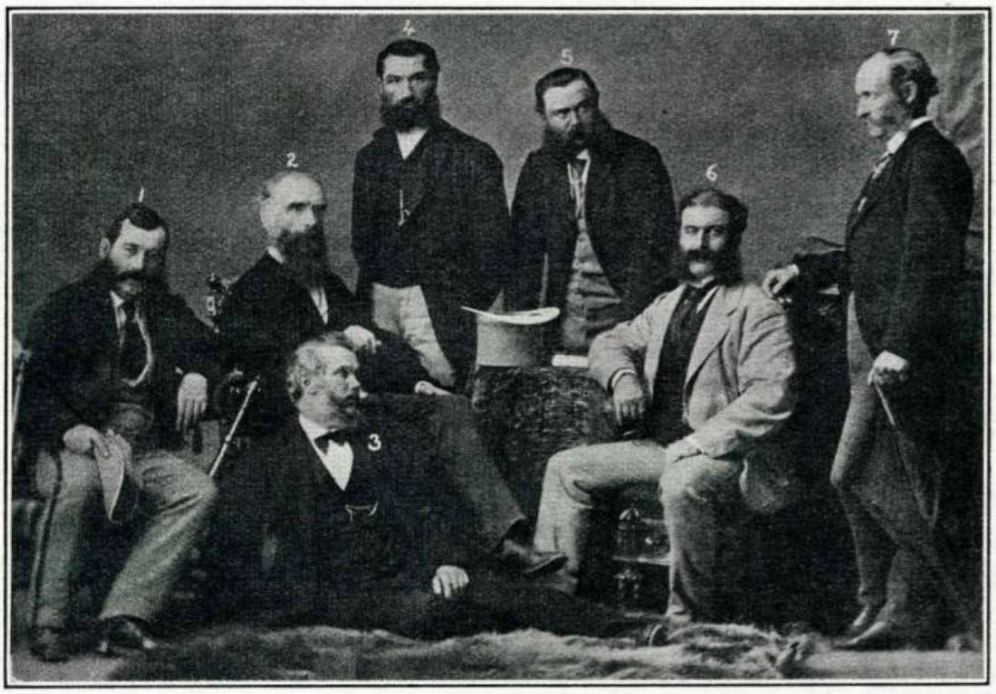
"What I don't know isn't worth knowing," said the young man of twenty.

"Well, anyway, I do know my own trade from A to Z," said the man of thirty-five.

"There are very few matters, I am sorry to say, that I am really quite sure about," said the man of fifty.

"I have learned a bit, but not much, since I was born; but knowledge is so vast that one cannot become wise in a short lifetime," said the man of sixty-five.—*Herbert N. Casson.*

H.B.C. Chief Factors at Montreal, 1871



1, Lawrence Clarke; 2, Donald A. Smith (Lord Strathcona); 3, James Bissett; 4, Peter Warren Bell; 5, Geo. S. McTavish; 6, ———; 7, Colin F. Rankin.

To complete our record of this photograph, we should like to have the name of the gentleman under number six. If any of our readers can furnish this, we shall be glad to hear from them.—Editor.

Protecting Hudson's Bay Company's Name

A case was recently tried in the district court, Northern District of Texas, U.S.A., in which the Hudson's Bay Company sought to prevent the use of the name "Hudson Bay Fur Company," or any similar name, by Abraham Buckspan, who was trading under the name of Hudson Bay Fur Company in Dallas, Texas. Judge Atwell decided that the Hudson's Bay Company was entitled to the relief prayed for and that an order might be drawn denying the right of Buckspan to make further use of the phrase "Hudson Bay Fur Company."

This action was taken in connection with the Hudson's Bay Company's endeavours in the United States to protect the public by preventing unauthorized persons from using names which would lead them to suppose that such businesses were connected with the Hudson's Bay Company.

This campaign is being conducted by Mr. Bruno Weyers, correspondent for the Hudson's Bay Company in New York City, assisted by Mr. Harold MacKaye, attorney.

For further reference to this subject see *The Beaver* for June, 1925, page 124.

The Moccasin Trail

By DR. JOHN MACLEAN, Winnipeg

IT was a hot day in August, and our bronchos were sweating as we travelled at a fast gait over the prairie. Bearspaw, a Stony Indian chief, our companion and helper, ran alongside the trail, and I could not help admiring the gentle swaying motion of his body, the long strides, the easy fashion and amusing leisure with which he ran, in strange contrast with the struggle of the animals to keep pace with the man. The bronchos were spurred to their greatest effort, as if ashamed to see a human being compete with them on the trail. We crossed Sheep Creek and began to climb a slight incline toward the level prairie, when Bearspaw disappeared into a gentle ravine. As we sped along, we were surprised to see him moving at an easy trot one hundred yards ahead of us. Before every spell on this trip of one hundred and fifty miles, this runner of the plains increased the length of his stride and left us far behind, and always, when we arrived at camp, there was laughter in our eyes and intense satisfaction as we gazed upon the pile of "buffalo chips" which he had collected, ready for his flint and steel, to prepare a hasty meal.

The peculiar swinging gait of the Indians and half-breeds in running, and their easy manner in walking, always impressed me, as they were much superior to the white man in swiftness and powers of endurance. I discovered that this was greatly due to their footgear and the length of their stride. The habitual use of moccasins allows full play to the elastic bend of the foot, so that the muscles are well developed, leaving them soft, plump and chubby as a child's, and it is no wonder that the natives laugh over the scrubby appearance of the white man's pedal machine contracted by the stiff sole of the boot worn by civilized man. I have observed the Crees, Blackfeet and Assiniboines running with a swinging gait somewhat similar to the steersman in a boat bending with the forward motion and keeping time with the stroke of the oars. Light of foot, every muscle in full play, loose garments, moccasins without stockings, and nothing to impede them, they made long strides, swinging with a gentle easy gait, and without haste. They covered long distances, sometimes without food or anything to quench their thirst, and accomplished feats beyond the speed or endurance of a horse. The peculiar stride of the men of the prairie and the northern woods was noticed by Milton and Cheadle during their tour of exploration, when they saw their Indian guide and native helpers sauntering along in easy fashion and walking past the explorers, who were travelling at a respectable pace. With the passing years there come powers of endurance and a cunning swiftness of speed in these Indian moccasin men, sound of limb and light of heart, as they tramp long distances over untrodden snow. When the winter packet from Norway House to York Factory was in demand, John McDonald and Sam York sped over the unmarked spaces, where their

breath pierced the air like silver arrows, and on through the woods, silent as death, and covered the distance of four hundred miles in five and a half days. And there was Billy Lonitit, of Fort Chipewyan, who went afoot with a hand sled bearing a dispatch for the mounted police at Fort Smith, a distance of two hundred miles, in three days, while the rivermen often tell with wonder in their eyes of his brother George having beaten a man in Edmonton and fled to Athabasca Landing, one hundred miles away, arriving in less than twenty-four hours. Fifty and sixty miles a day is a fair day's run, and forty miles on showshoes, with the bleak Arctic wind chilling the blood, is a common experience of the trappers of the north.

The western aborigines travel by instinct; undaunted by difficulties, courageous in danger, and unable to explain the wonderful power they possess of marching toward their destination without beacon light or landmark. I have never known an Indian or half-breed to be lost on the wide spaces of the prairie. They cannot understand the weakness of the white men to wander in a circle. Around the lodge fire the natives talk and laugh over this foolishness as an evidence of ignorance and helplessness befitting only a little child. The latent power of the misnamed savage of the plains is part of the culture found in his communion with nature. Life in the open trains his reason and his imagination. As he becomes well versed in prairie lore, he ranks himself superior to the white man in his own domain and greater than the heirs of the civilization of the ages.

So are we all savages when removed from our common sphere, and wise men at home when we have no competitors and live in peace.

Those who have read Dr. Maclean's articles in *The Beaver* will be interested to learn that his new biography, "McDougall of Alberta," is just off the presses of The Ryerson Press, Toronto. It is a splendid book, about a remarkable Christian gentleman, by an able biographer who knew his subject intimately.—*Editor.*

S.S. Bayrupert

It was with much regret that news was received of the grounding of the Hudson's Bay Company's new steamer, *Bayrupert*, on July 22 on the rocks southeast of Nain, about fourteen miles off Cape Harrigan, on the Labrador coast. She is reported to be a total loss.

The steamer was on her annual voyage to the Company's posts and was making her first call at the Moravian Missions recently taken over by the Company.

The crew were safely transferred from the stranded ship.

The *Bayrupert* was launched on March 16, 1926, and was specially built for the Hudson's Bay Company for navigation in northern waters. (See *The Beaver*, Vol. 6, No. 4, page 144, September 1926.)

H.B.C. Posts, Keewatin District

By J. BARTLEMAN, H.B.C. District Manager

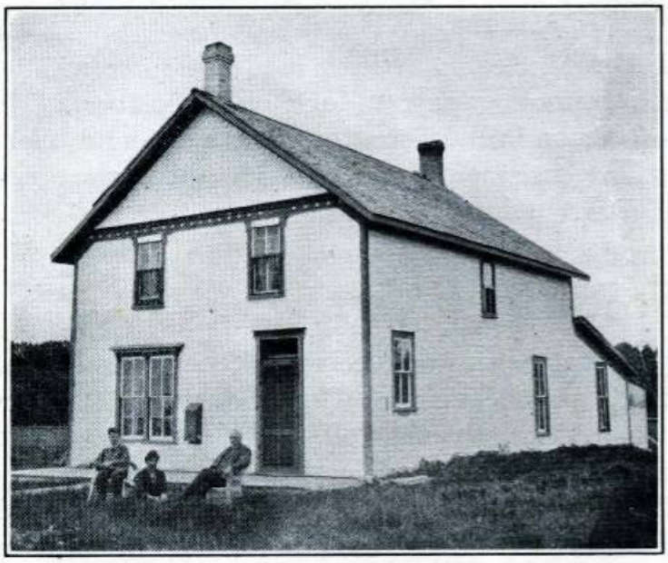
No. 5—Fort Alexander

FORT Alexander, Bas de la Riviere, Winnipeg House, or Sieurs Fort, as it was severally called by the French, North-West and Hudson's Bay Company, was established in 1792 by Toussient la Sieurs, an employee of the North-West Company, forty-eight years after Fort Maurepas was abandoned, Fort Maurepas being the first post established in the west by a son of La Verendrye for the French, in 1734.

La Sieurs himself was in charge of Fort Alexander in 1794, and is probably the same man who was in partnership with Simon Fraser in 1785.

Various references to the post are made, and in 1800, Henry mentions that "the Hudson's Bay Company have an establishment near the North-West, and they bring their fall stock from Marten's Falls on the Albany river." Again, Harmon, who passed much about the same time, gives similar information, adding "that the brigades take forty days for their journey, and twice that time returning."

In 1814, Gabriel Franchise writes, "This trading post has more the air of a large and well cultivated farm than a fur trading post: a neat and elegant mansion and surrounded by barns, stables and storehouses and large fields of barley, oats, pease and potatoes, &c."



Post Manager's House, Fort Alexander, with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. M. Gordon and son in foreground.

In 1860 the place must still have had the air of a farm, for an old journal of that year mentions that there was on hand at the close of the outfit forty head cattle, forty horses, thirty pigs and fifty fowls, whilst from thirty-five bushels of wheat sown they reaped two hundred bushels, and from thirty bushels of potatoes two hundred and fifty bushels.

The supplies for the post, at that time, were obtained from Fort Garry on the Red river and York Factory by York boat and distributed to Fort Frances and Rat Portage. The latter point is now known as Kenora.

From 1845 down to 1911, the post was first in Lac la Pluie district, and later in what was known as Manitoba district. In 1911 the post was run as a separate unit, under the supervision of John Henry, of the Fur Trade Commissioner's office.

In 1915, when the Keewatin district office was transferred from Norway House to Winnipeg, Fort Alexander was included in that district.

It will be seen that what is now known as Fort Alexander has been notable in the annals of the fur trade for over a century and a half.

Recently, Fort Alexander has again become prominent, as the result of the erection of the Manitoba Pulp and Paper Company's mill four miles distant from the post and the opening up of a railway to that point.

Naturally, with such changes, much of the old-time romance has gone, the community now being served with a daily railway service and being fully equipped with a telephone and telegraph service, electric lighting system, and many other luxuries enjoyed by points close to civilization.

On the Winnipeg river, on which the post is built, steamers and other craft ply at all times.

The native population are Salteaux, and number over five hundred.

The half-breeds are of French extraction, many of them speaking that language fluently. Only a small percentage of the band are fur hunters, the majority being small farmers.

Their chief occupation in winter is cutting pulp wood.

There are two schools under the control of the Indian department: one, a public school, run by the Anglican Church; the other, a very large boarding school, run by the Oblate Fathers.

RETIRAL OF C. H. M. GORDON

September 1, 1927, will mark the retirement on pension of C. H. M. Gordon, manager Fort Alexander post, after forty-five years' service with the Company. Mr. Gordon hailed from Helmsdale, Scotland. He possesses the Hudson's Bay Company's long-service gold medal and three bars. He is building a home at Pine Falls, where he will reside for the future.

C. H. M. Gordon has been a regular and valued contributor to *The Beaver*, and we hope he will long be spared to enjoy his well-earned retirement. Readers of *The Beaver* have his promise that he will continue to give them articles from his pen based on his wide experience.

The following is Mr. Gordon's record of service with the Governor and Company of Adventurers of England trading into Hudson's Bay:

1882-1887 Moose Factory, Fort Albany, Rupert's House as apprentice.
1887-1890, Rupert's House, as clerk.
1890-1893, Woswonaby, as manager.
1893-1899, Rupert's River district, as accountant.
1899-1914, Fort Hope, as manager.
1914-1917, Lac Seul and God's Lake, as manager.
1917-1921, Cross Lake, as manager.
1921-1927, Fort Alexander, as manager.

Pioneer Ships on Pacific Coast

(From Eighteen Hundred to Early Eighties)

By SIR CHARLES PIERS, Bart., Vancouver, B.C.

PART FIVE

THE NEREID (1834)—Captain Langtry. Barque. The *Nereid* was one of the five small sailing vessels mentioned by Mr. Snowden as trading on the coast in the "Thirties." In 1839, she was commanded by Captain William Brotchie, and later was commanded by the famous Captain McNeill for a short time, during which he took the *Nereid* to London and then returned to the North Pacific coast (McCain).

1836. The Columbia—Captain Darby. Barque. The *Columbia* and the steamer *Beaver* were built for the Hudson's Bay Company at the same time and place—Blackwall, London—and sailed together on August 29, 1835, from the Thames, the *Columbia* nominally as escort to the *Beaver*, though from the reading of the steamer's log the boot seems to have been decidedly on the other foot, the *Columbia* appearing to have been far more in need of an escort than the *Beaver*, which, as a matter of fact, adopted that role towards the barque during the voyage, and, although built as a steamer, made the whole voyage round the Horn to the North Pacific coast under sail, and in doing so outsailed her escort, for the *Columbia*, from the *Beaver's* log, appears to have been a poor sailer. The actual voyage out is so fully described in the *Beaver's* log that repetition is useless. The *Columbia* was three hundred and ten tons burden, carried six guns and a crew of twenty-four men. She was one of the three sailing vessels which, Mr. Snowden states, were exclusively employed in the trade with the Northwest Pacific from London (England) to the headquarters of the Hudson's Bay Company on the coast. The other two vessels were the *Cowlitz* and the *Vancouver*, both barques of about five hundred tons. In January, 1841, the barque *Columbia*, with James Douglas on board, lay in the Bay of Monterey, California, where Douglas was engaged on the Company's business with His Excellency Juan B. Alvardo, the Spanish governor-general of Upper and Lower California (Sir James Douglas' letters). James Douglas appears to have been in Californian waters on the *Columbia* from January to the end of March, 1841.

1847. After the year 1847, the voyage of one of the ships *Columbia*, *Cowlitz* and *Vancouver* (barque) from London to the northwest Pacific coast became an annual affair, the *Vancouver* being the first ship to land goods at Fort Victoria (1845).

1849. In 1849, the *Columbia* was commanded by Captain James Cooper shortly before he retired from the Company to become an independent settler.

1835. The steamer *Beaver*—Captain Home. Mr. McCain in his history of the H.B.C's steamer *Beaver*, states that the *Beaver* was in the Company's service for fifty-one years, an error which Fur Trade Commissioner C. H. French corrects, for, as he points out, she was only owned by the Hudson's Bay Company for forty years, out of which she was actually in the fur trade for twenty-five years. Afterwards, when sold by the Company, the *Beaver* was employed by her new owner as a supply both for logging camps and in doing general towing work. Mr. McCain adds that Captain Home, her first commander, was proud of her record, for she was the first steamer to cross the Atlantic to America, round Cape Horn, and make the voyage up the South American coast into the North Pacific to the Columbia river. Mr. McCain asserts: "After careful research of marine records, it has been shown that the *Beaver* is justly entitled to the honour set forth in this claim."

See *The Beaver*, Vol. 1, No. 5, page 2; Vol. 2, No. 1, page 1; Vol. 5, No. 4, page 170; Outfit 257, No. 4, page 84.

Cover Picture

Our cover picture is a tinted reproduction of the frontispiece in Cartwright's Journal, published by Allen and Ridge, Newark, 1792. It is entitled "Captain Cartwright Visiting His Fox-traps." Our fur trade men will no doubt make interesting comparisons between Captain Cartwright's equipment for fox trapping and that of the present-day trapper.

Christmas Number of "The Beaver"

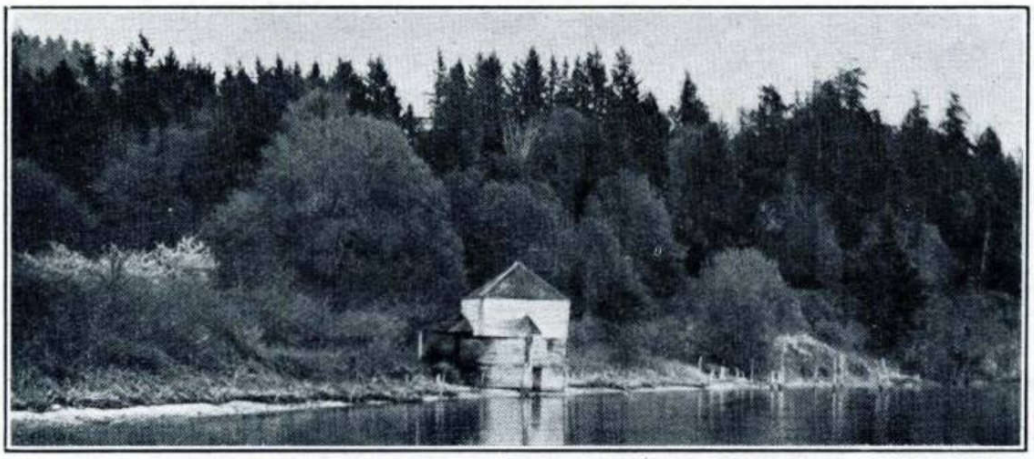
The next issue of *The Beaver* will be the Christmas number. It will appear early in December. We desire it to be the brightest and best yet. To make it so, we need a lot of good material of less than a thousand words in length (five hundred words is a suitable length)—essays, stories, experiences, descriptions, verse (humorous or serious), drawings, cartoons, photographs; in fact, everything that goes to make a readable magazine. Even an idea is welcome.

For the Christmas number of *The Beaver*, we wish to publish about two pages of original verse by the staff, on any subject. Send yours along to us.

Associate Editors, canvass your field thoroughly and refuse to take "No" for an answer; also, make sure we get lots of light, breezy news.

Readers, this is your own magazine. Most of the literary contributions to it come from your fellow-workers in the service of the Hudson's Bay Company. Give a willing ear and a ready pen to your associate editor and cheer him with a nice little contribution to *The Beaver*.

Men of the Fur Trade, we rely on you, our first line of defence.



H.B.C. Blockhouse, English Camp, San Juan Island

San Juan Island

By E. H. WILSON, Land Department, Victoria, B.C.

THE island of San Juan, which is just across Haro Strait from Victoria, Vancouver Island, is one of the most beautiful islands of the Haro archipelago. It is a question which is the larger island, San Juan or Orcas island, the area of each being about sixty square miles. San Juan, however, is much the better known, as it gave its name to the bitter dispute known as the "San Juan Boundary Question."

It will be of interest to learn that the Hudson's Bay Company spared no effort to add this beautiful little island to the Empire.

After visiting this lovely little spot, it is easy to imagine the disappointment and vexation of the people of Vancouver Island when the German Emperor (William I), who had been appointed arbitrator, awarded the territory in dispute to the United States on the 21st October, 1872.

I understand that the Hudson's Bay Company first occupied the island in 1843, but at any rate in 1850, and for some years after, the Company used the island as a fishing station, putting up annually two or three thousand barrels of salmon.

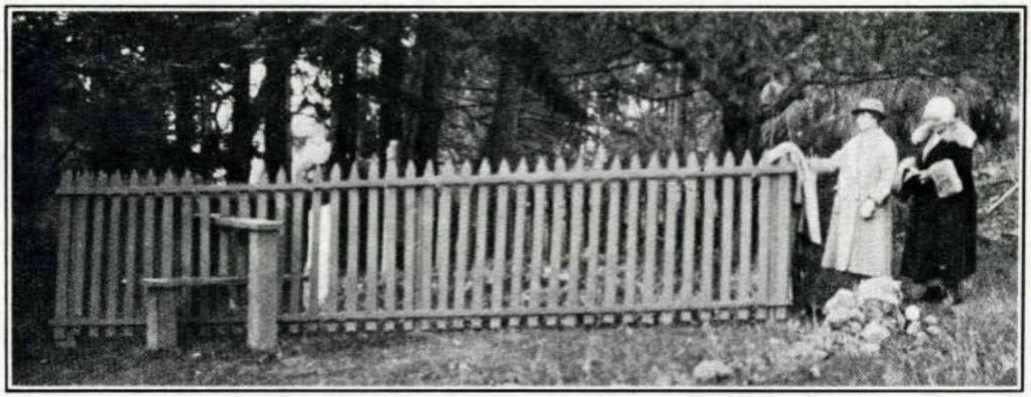
In December, 1853, the S.S. *Beaver* landed there the nucleus of a stock farm, a flock of thirteen hundred sheep. This last act called forth a sharp note from the American collector of customs to Governor Douglas, stating that the sheep were liable to seizure for non-payment of taxes. Governor Douglas replied that the island was British soil. It is evident therefore that the ownership of the island was in dispute from the early days.

In August, 1859, Brig.-Gen. W. S. Harney, of the American army, ordered Capt. Pickett with sixty marines to occupy the island. The indignation of the Company's officials at this act can be imagined. A. J. Dallas, who was at that time in charge of Fort Victoria, made a formal complaint under date 5th August, 1859, to His Excellency James Douglas, Esquire, governor of Vancouver Island.

As soon as the joint occupancy was decided upon, Capt. George Bazelgette, of the Royal Marines, with one hundred men were landed by the warships from Esquimalt. This joint occupancy continued until the boundary question was settled by arbitration in October, 1872.

It will be noted from the photographs, which were taken at English Camp, about three miles from Roche Harbour, that the Hudson's Bay Company's old block-house is still standing. The little cemetery on the slope of a high hill between Garrison Bay and Roche Harbour is the last resting place of twelve imperial service men who died during the joint occupation between 1859 and 1872.

The British association with the island of San Juan is not likely to be forgotten, as frequent pilgrimages are made to this little graveyard.



Cemetery (Imperial Service Men), San Juan Island

Annual General Court

The Annual General Court of the Governor and Company of Adventurers of England trading into Hudson's Bay was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street, London, England, on the 28th June, 1927.

The Governor, Mr. Charles V. Sale, in his speech, which was full of information and interest, struck a note of optimism in regard to the future of Canada and the Company's trade.

Mr. George W. Allan, K.C., member of the Committee in London and chairman of the Canadian Committee, was present at the General Court and addressed the gathering after the Governor. Mr. Allan also voiced his firm faith and belief in the future of Western Canada, a faith which with him has never faltered in forty-eight years.

As the speeches of Mr. Sale and Mr. Allan were published in the daily press throughout Canada, we are not reprinting the report in *The Beaver*.

What Do I Know About the Hudson's Bay Company?

BELOW will be found the first fifty of a series of one hundred questions pertaining to the Hudson's Bay Company, to which every member of the staff should be able to find the answers. These questions have been drawn up by the editor of *The Beaver*, in consultation with Mr. C. E. Joslyn, Land Department, and Mr. T. F. Reith, Winnipeg Retail Store, who are pledged to secrecy regarding the answers.

Many of the questions have been answered from time to time in *The Beaver*. Answers are to be found also in historical books on the Hudson's Bay Company, such as "The Hudson's Bay Company, 1670-1920," by Sir William Schooling, K.B.E.; "The Remarkable History of the Hudson's Bay Company," by George Bryce, M.A., LL.D.; "The Great Company," by Beckles Willson; and "The Company of Adventurers," by Isaac Cowie; also in the Land Department recent booklet and in other booklets issued by the Company. Copies of the Land Department booklet may be had on application (see advertisement in this issue of *The Beaver*).

We do not expect you to answer all the questions correctly. Do as many as you can; get your friends to aid you; then hold the first fifty until the second fifty appear in the Christmas issue of *The Beaver*, when your total list of answers should be mailed in an envelope addressed as follows:

Competition,
Editor *The Beaver*, Hudson's Bay Company,
93 Main Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The closing date of the competition will be announced later.

All questions must be answered very briefly.

In the event of a tie, the neatest and most clearly answered papers, in the opinion of the judges, will be awarded the prizes.

In judging this competition, eliminations will be made by Messrs. Joslyn, Reith and Watson, and the final judging will be done by Commissioners C. H. French (Fur Trade) and H. F. Harman (Land Department), who have kindly consented to act. Their decisions will be positively final.

Put your name and address and department, branch and section of the Company's service, distinctly on the top of your paper, and along side this put the length of your service with the Company in full years, as there are two sections to the competition: those with less than five years' service will be judged separately from those with longer service; which will give new and old employees an equal chance.

Put the numbers only of the questions, in consecutive order, with your answers along side. The following prizes are offered in each section, those with less than five years' service and those with over five years' service: First prize, $15.00; second prize, $7.50; third prize, $5.00; fourth, fifth and sixth prizes, $2.00 each.

We wish you all to be fair to yourselves in this competition. Take part in it as a personal test of what you know about the Company you serve. After you have done so, you will find that you know more about the Hudson's Bay Company than ever you did before, and you will find this beneficial as a matter of general knowledge and also in whatever branch of the service you are employed.

The purpose of this competition is education in an interesting form.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS COMPETITION

1. Name the two French fur traders who were originally the cause of the formation of the Hudson's Bay Company.

2. Give the full date of the Royal Charter.

3. How many men formed the original Company?

4. Who was the first Governor of the Company?

5. Who is the present Governor?

6. Name the first H.B.C. ship to reach Hudson Bay.

7. Name the ship most recently built, used for service from England to Hudson Bay.

8. What name was given to the first fort?

9. Name any two stone forts built later.

10. Who was a famous explorer and later made governor of Fort Prince of Wales?

11. Which fur trading post is now situated close to the old site of Fort Prince of Wales?

12. Who was the first white man to view the buffalo on the plains?

13. How many years did he serve the Hudson's Bay Company?

14. Name six other H.B.C. explorers.

15. What was the name of the fort on the site later occupied by Fort Garry?

16. Name the French commander who captured Fort Prince of Wales.

17. Give the year of arrival in Red River of the first Selkirk Settlers.

18. Who was in active command of the Selkirk Settlers during their journey from York Factory to Red River?

19. What is the popular or generally accepted meaning of the words "*pro pelle cutem*"?

20. What animals are represented in the Hudson's Bay Company's coat-of-arms?

21. What symbols and figures are contained in the Company's crest (crest only, not coat-of-arms)?

22. When the Company is operating on May 2, 1997, how many years will it have been incorporated?

23. What position did Sir Bibye Lake hold with the Company?

24. Give inclusive dates of Sir George Simpson's regime.

25. Who was Governor in England of the Hudson's Bay Company in 1792, 1864, 1890, 1913, 1916, 1925, respectively?

26. Give the family name of Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal.

27. Name a particular kind of boat invented during Sir George Simpson's regime and still used at times for H.B.C. transportation.

28. When did British Columbia become a self-governing colony?

29. Name an H.B.C. officer who became B.C.'s governor.

30. Give the name of the first H.B.C. steamer to operate on the Pacific coast.

31. Give place and date of her wreck.

32. Who was the Hudson's Bay Company's officer who went in search of the Franklin expedition and was first to find relics thereof?

33. Where was the first Fort Vancouver of the H.B.C. situated?

34. Where was a Fort Victoria of the H.B.C. situated?

35. Name seventeen of Canada's chief fur-bearing animals.

36. Who built Fort St. James for the fur traders?

37. What was the original Indian name for Fort St. James?

38. Who was entrusted by the Company with the building of Norway House in winter of 1812-13?

39. Name three Company ships on the Alberta and Arctic (inland waterways) route.

40. Give the three most important companies which the Hudson's Bay Company controls or in which it has a substantial interest.

41. What is the name of the Company's new buying, shipping and fur warehouse in London, England?

42. Who is the present Deputy-Governor of the Company?

43. Name the Chairman and other members of the Canadian Committee.

44. Who is the present Fur Trade Commissioner?

45. Whom did the present Fur Trade Commissioner succeed?

46. Name six present district managers in the fur trade.

47. Give the last four appointed chief factors in the Company's service.

48. Give the names of twelve long-service gold medallists of the Company.

49. Name the most northerly and most southerly H.B.C. trading posts in operation today.

50. How many retail stores has the H.B.C. in Canada, operated apart from the fur trade?

Hold answers until the other fifty questions appear in next issue.

Snappy Store Stories

"The boss offered me an interest in the business today."

"He did?"

"Yes. He said that if I didn't take more interest in it pretty soon he'd fire me."

Customer—I want to try on that suit in the window.

Clerk—Sorry, sir, but you'll have to use the dressing room.

"Now," said the voluble salesman, "here's a piece of goods that speaks for itself."

"All right," interrupted a weary customer. "Suppose you keep quiet for a couple of minutes and give it a chance."

A cockney storekeeper was heard speaking over the telephone quite plainly as follows: "Yes, this is Mr. 'Arrison speaking. What? You can't 'ear? This is Mr. 'Arrison—aitch, hay, two hars, a hai, a hess, a ho and a hen—'Arrison."

A soap and perfume manufacturer once advertised for slogans. Here is one that was submitted: "If you don't use our soap, for Heaven's sake use our perfume."

An enterprising coal dealer heads his stationery with the following motto: "It's a Black business, but we treat you White." A customer, upon receiving his account recently for his supply of coal at the price of $26 per ton, enclosed his cheque in payment, and at the same time suggested that the motto read: "It's a Dirty business, but we Clean you Good."

A man was observed acting rather nervously in a department store and the floorwalker approached him.

"Anything I can do for you, sir?"

"I have lost my wife."

"Ah, yes; mourning goods, third floor above."

Floorwalker—Are you being taken care of, miss?

"It's none of your business if I am!"

"Why don't you advertise?"

"No, siree. I did once and it pretty near ruined me. People came in and bought durn near all the stuff I had."

Farmer—Be this the Woman's Exchange?

Woman—Yes.

Farmer—Be ye the woman?

Woman—Yes.

Farmer—Well, then, I think I'll keep Maggie.

"I want a piece of meat without any bone, fat or gristle," said the bride, on her first trip to market.

"Yes, ma'am," replied the butcher. "I would suggest that you take an egg."

Customer—Are you showing any summer underwear?

Saleslady—Goodness, me, I hope not.

Shopper—What colours have you in window blinds?

Clerk—Window blinds are all shades, ma'am.

Patron—Gimme a cup of coffee without cream.

Waiter—Sorry, we haven't cream, but I can give it to you without milk.

Guest—What's the matter with this coffee? It looks like mud.

Waiter—Yes, sir, it was ground this morning.

Rattenbury—This dollar down and two a week system is surely selling a lot of goods.

Corbett—Yes, I saw a girl yesterday on the street who looked as if she were wearing the first instalment.

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STAFF SUPPLEMENT

News from Stores, Posts and Branches

[The following is the copy of a letter sent by the associate editor of *The Beaver*, at Calgary, to every member of the staff of the Calgary retail store and is of so much moment that we have reproduced it for the careful perusal of every employee in the service.—*Editor.*]

Re The Beaver

It is felt that all members of the Hudson's Bay Company's staff look forward to receiving their copy of *The Beaver*, which is published four times a year, viz: March 1, June 1, September 1, December 1.

We are very desirous of having an excellent showing made by the Calgary store in connection with news items, store briefs, special articles, prose, poetry and interesting photographs, and are asking members of this store to send in special articles, etc., which may in turn be submitted to the editor of *The Beaver* for the next issue.

In forwarding articles, it might be borne in mind that various trips through the Rockies and surrounding country of Alberta, British Columbia and adjoining states to the south, although familiar to a number of people in Calgary, are very much appreciated by readers who are not able to enjoy the wonderful scenery surrounding our city; therefore, send in your articles to the undersigned; and should same not appear in the next issue of *The Beaver* do not feel that your article was not appreciated, as it may be impossible for us to publish all items received in one issue, nevertheless it supplies our editor with the nucleus for publishing articles that might appeal to more readers and will always supply a good representation from the Calgary store.

The Beaver is *your magazine*, and it is only through the co-operation of the staffs of the various stores, fur trade posts, and land departments in forwarding their literary contributions that this magazine can retain the cherished position it now occupies.

Please remember that all Calgary contributions for the next issue must be in the writer's hands not later than November 7, 1927.

Thanking the members of our staff for their hearty co-operation in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

L. H. BENJAMIN,
Chairman *The Beaver* Committee,
Calgary Store.

Vancouver

ANNUAL PICNIC

Delightful Outing at Sechelt Sets New High Record—List of Winners in Field Sports—Distribution of Prizes.

Under a cloudless sky and in the green fastness of one of the oldest settlements of the British Columbia coast, the Company's employees were guests at the annual staff picnic Wednesday, August 3, when twelve full and happy hours were spent on sea and in the environs of the quaint village of Sechelt. This year's picnic holds the record as the largest ever held by the Company, with the full store executive present to help with the arrangements for the outing.

Fully two thousand persons embarked sharply at 9 a.m. on the *Lady Alexander* and *Lady Cynthia*, the two boats being required to take care of the capacity crowds.

The trip was made rapidly, the time being whiled away by dancing and community singing, while several small groups, with the aid of accordeons and ukeleles, held their own little sing-songs. On arrival at the picnic grounds, old and young partook of lunch in the shade of the spreading trees. Tea, coffee, milk and sugar were supplied by the Company, who added still further to the happiness of the children by distributing ice cream, fruit, candies and soft drinks.

Seventy-five gallons of ice cream, nearly 7000 apples and oranges, 700 pounds of bananas, half a ton of watermelon, forty-five cases of soft drinks, fifty gallons of cream and 6000 suckers and candy bars were consumed before four o'clock. H. R. P. Gant was the energetic supervisor of the proceedings, with a staff of assistants from the dining-room, under the direction of T. Knechtle, chief of the dining room service.

The store executive was entertained by the Company at the hotel, and had as their guests Dr. J. W. Ford, Company physician, and Rev. Dr. R. G. MacBeth.

Sharply at 2 p.m. the sports committee roped off the course, and from then until four o'clock, old and young vied with each other for supremacy in foot and special races. There are several boys who from now on will shun blackberry pie, for after a few minutes' tussle to demolish this edible, their capacity was exhausted, with a good portion of the pie as facial decoration.

P. J. Parker, general manager for Western Alberta and British Columbia stores, distributed the prizes, and there were many surprised contestants who received gold watches, complete sets of golf clubs, imported costume dolls, and other gifts presented by store managers.

The remainder of the day was spent in swimming and boating, in visits to the Indian village to watch aged squaws weave baskets, and in dancing in the pavilion. Sharply at 7 p.m. the boat left for home, the return journey being enlivened by dancing and community singing.

Those responsible for the adequate arrangements which made this gathering the best ever held by the Company were: H. R. P. Gant, picnic convener; E. Williams, sports chairman; and E. S. Morley, chairman of the social committee.

Two new members of the executive who have lately joined the Company—J. J. Reilly, store manager, and R. C. Scibird, merchandise manager—took part in the outing. A. H. Doe, controller of store construction, and G. A. H. Porte, assistant manager, were also present.

Field Sports Results

Twenty-five yard race (boys under 6)—R. Boon, C. Jones, J. Andrews and A. Playfair.

Twenty-five-yard race (girls under 6)—D. Evans, D. Hart, Betty Wales and P. Taylor.

Fifty-yard race (boys 6 to 9)—R. Abel, V. Taylor and W. Davidson.

Fifty-yard race (girls 6 to 9)—Melia Ostergard, Hilda Clifford and Margaret Fence.

Fifty-yard race (boys 9 to 12)—D. Young, J. Reilly and R. Abel.

Fifty-yard race (girls 9 to 12)—Doreen Caird, Ruth Clifford and Edith Holme.

Pie-eating contest (boys 13 to 17)—W. Williamson, F. Bennett and T. Taylor.

One hundred-yard race for men (Hudson's Bay employees)—G. C. Caird, M. McKinley, A. Boon and E. Herbert.

One-hundred-yard race (employees' wives)—Mrs. T. Abel, Mrs. G. Windwick, Mrs. Maurice Clifford and Mrs. G. Fitzgerald.

Seventy-five-yard race (women employees, 18 years and over)—E. Harrison, R. Anderson, A. Stevenson and A. Goldie.

Relay race for men (Hudson's Bay employees, in teams of eight)—Shippers.

Tug-of-war (employees, in teams of eight)—Lower main floor, including W. Black, P. Ostergard, H. Sinclair, D. Anderson, W. Henderson, C. Nutt, B. Macey and M. Elvidge.

Quoits (men of 30 or over)—D. Sutherland, P. Hodge, A. Webster and Pat Logue.

Softball game (shipping *versus* store)—Shippers won.

SHOWER TO AGNESS MITCHELL

Miss Agness Mitchell, manageress of the audit office of the Vancouver retail store, was guest of honour at a miscellaneous shower tendered her by her co-workers on July 13, when she received many beautiful and useful gifts.

Miss Mitchell has been employed in the Vancouver store for the past ten years. About thirty of her fellow employees attended the shower.

Following the presentation of the gifts, a short musical programme was carried out. Vocal selections were rendered by Miss E. Keely, and pianoforte selections by Mrs. A. Costigan.

WEDDING

A pretty wedding was solemnized at the Holy Rosary pro-cathedral on July 23, when Miss Agness Mitchell became the bride of Mr. Eugene F. Neumeyer, of Kelowna.

The wedding took place at 7.45 in the evening, Rev. Father McKinnon performing the ceremony. The bride was attended by Miss Joyce Hoare and Miss Ruby Shewan. Supporting the groom was Mr. Alex. Mitchell, brother of the bride. Mrs. E. Scales, sister of the bride, was matron of honour.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, when Mrs. Mitchell received the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Neumeyer left for Victoria. They will take up their home in Vancouver.

Mr. F. Heales, display manager, has returned from a trip to Los Angeles.

GROCETERIA AND NEW MEAT DEPARTMENT OFENED

This splendid new department, with its up-to-date fixtures, fresh, cool air, commodious aisles and first-class refrigeration, has recently had a very successful opening. Our customers, as well as our staff, are enthusiastic about it and this combination of enthusiasm should mean greatly increased business.

SPORT

Cricket—The H.B.E.A. cricket club still retains its winning streak. We doubt if ever a store team has been more successful from a run-getting point. In one game with the league winners of 1926 they created two records which will stand unbeaten for a long time, viz.: First wicket down 150 runs; game drawn for 356 with nine wickets to fall, Bunting 226 not out. This was for the Shelly cup. An honour bestowed on the Company's team was in the selection of three of its members to play against Ridley college, S. L. Ward, one of the stores' employees, capturing six wickets for 48 runs.

Still another honour was when Harry Bunting, Cyril Dawson and Joe Chamberlain, all members of the H.B.E.A. cricket club, were chosen to play in the British Columbia cricket tournament. Each member performed splendidly.

Eleven centuries have been scored by members of the Vancouver club during the season, and only on one occasion has the score for any match been less than 200, 250 being about the average.—*F. S. Garner.*

Victoria

STAFF ENJOYS SIXTH ANNUAL PICNIC

In ideal holiday weather, nearly six hundred employees and their friends attended the annual picnic on August 3.

This is the third year in succession Deep Cove has been chosen as the rendezvous, the exceptional beauty of the place and the conveniences offered thoroughly justifying the committee in its selection.

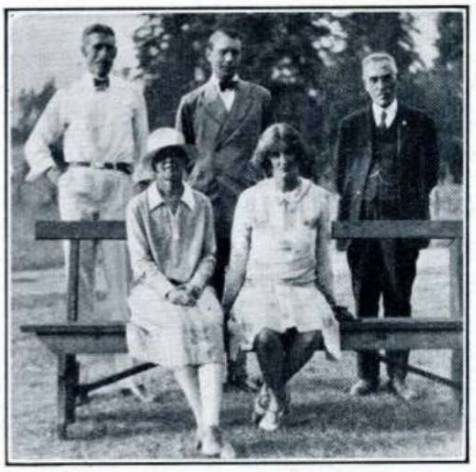
At an early hour in the morning, several energetic members of the committee arrived on the grounds to set up the tents and make preparations for the arrival of the seven or eight tally-ho loads of merrymakers.

The sports programme consisted of twenty-eight events, starting with the children and including men's and ladies' swimming competitions.

After lunch, which was provided by the Company and the association, a comic football match between the "Dark Horses" and the "Crescents" proved a source of much fun, the Crescents finally winning by a score of 1-0.

Later in the afternoon, the sports programme was continued.

One of the day's features was the hunting for the mystery man, who carried a copy of the Tabloid History of Canada prepared by the store's advertising department. Queries of "Have you the Tabloid History of Canada?" were continually heard through the grounds,



Group at Annual Staff Picnic August 3
Left to right, Mr. A. J. Watson, Hon. A. J. P. Howard, Mr. A. Nicholson. Front, Mrs. A. J. Watson and Mrs. Howard.

until finally W. V. Merryweather found it and was rewarded by a cash prize of $5.

Presentation of Prizes

Hon. A. J. P. Howard, a director of the Hudson's Bay Company, and Mrs. Howard, who is a daughter of Premier Baldwin, were present as guests of honour. Mrs. Howard presented the prizes, numbering 137, to the many winners. Mr. and Mrs. Howard were heartily cheered as they left the grounds for the city.

Bob Addie secured the greatest aggregate of points in the sports, thus winning the silver cup presented by Mr. Charles V. Sale, Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company. This is the third year Mr. Addie has won the cup, and it now becomes his personal property. The cup presented by Mr. Watson, manager of the Victoria branch, to the lady winning the greatest aggregate of points, was won by Kay Freestone.

A basket supper was enjoyed at six o'clock and dancing occupied the remainder of the evening. Those present

Opening of H.B.C. Tennis Season
Members and friends at home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Watson.

voted the picnic an outstanding success, even better than the one held last year.

Judges of the events were J. S. Horne, C. Banner, J. Martin and W. T. Edgecombe. G. Hibberd announced and A. Haines was the starter. R. Eaton was clerk of the course and the grounds committee were L. Fea, W. McIntosh, L. Hutchinson and W. Kroeger.

Prizes were donated by the following: Mrs. Abbott, Misses McLaren, Grimason and Cicero, Messrs. A. J. Watson, Horne, Banner, McBain, McConnell, Minnis, Woollard, Wilkinson, Hunter, Smith, Stewart, Mowry, Florence, Nicolls, Spratt, Savage, Stark, Gordon, Hansen, Martin, Wilson, Davidson, Bucknam, Johnson, Strain, Hibberd, Edgecombe and the Hudson's Bay Employees' Association.

MR. AND MRS. A. J. WATSON ENTERTAIN TENNIS PLAYERS

The formal opening of the H.B.E.A. tennis courts took place on the first Wednesday in July, with a large attendance of employees and friends. After many sets had been played and the winners suitably congratulated, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Watson entertained the party to afternoon tea on the lawn at the rear of their residence, which is close to the tennis courts. Mrs. Watson was assisted by Mrs. Walter Fowles and Mrs. J. S. Horne. Among those present were: Misses Gertrude Gosse, Jean Oldershaw, Jennie Hall, Thelma Walker, Gertrude Endean, Lolo Dawson, Edna Matthews, Doris Johnston, Netta and Eva Hunter, A. J. Caddens, Beth King, Clemintine le Suerer, Violet Ovenden, Winnie Bleasdale, Gwen Maynard, Peggy Love, Anita Davies, Margaret Watson, Renee Watson, Renee Glass, Florence Watson, Betty Ridgway, Eva Hall, Betty Shadbolt, Jessie Watson, May Morley, Mrs. Horne, Mrs. Fowles, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Woollard, Mr. and Mrs. H. Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Alexander, Messrs. A. J. Pomeroy, Robert H. Smith, Art Minnis, Richard Eaton, E. S. Fowles, A. Clarke, H. Renwick, J. Nicholson Goodwin, A. Walker, A. V. Ridgway, A. J. Watson, Bradley Watson, W. Stark and Stafford Meldram.

LUNCHEON

The Hon. A. J. P. Howard, a director of Hudson's Bay Company, tendered an informal luncheon to the managerial staff of the Victoria store on Tuesday, August 2.

MR. GEORGE SALE

Mr. George Sale, while on his way to England, was recently a visitor to Victoria, arriving on the S.S. *President McKinly*. Although he was only able to spend a short time in the city, Mr. Sale took the opportunity of going through the store with Mr. A. J. Watson, the manager.

SPORT

Lawn Bowls—That the ladies are now taking a keen interest in lawn bowls is evidenced by the fact that on a recent Friday evening no less than twenty fair employees were seen on the Burnside greens.

Tennis—The tennis courts on Bowker Avenue are being so well attended that we shall soon have to provide an additional court. The competition for the ladies' and gentlemen's trophies commenced the first of August.

Soft Ball—Up to the time of going to press, the boys who play soft ball are well in the running for the Peden cup. They have won all the league games and are now ready to meet the Y.M.C.A. in the semi-final.

Cricket—The cricketers are having a very successful season and so far are tied for top place in the Wednesday league. Hubert Hansen, who has been doing so well with both bat and ball, is undoubtedly one of the most promising young cricketers in the city.

Golf—After a keenly contested game with Mrs. Creffield and C. Banner, Miss Griffey and Jim Martin are now joint possessors of the Imperial golf trophy. At the end of the seventeenth hole the score was just even. Any two players may challenge the holders for the possession of this wonderful trophy. Come on, you golfers!—*A. S. Woollard*.

Nelson

V. Kline, of the dry goods department, was married in June and is making her home in the city. Miss Stubbert has succeeded her in her position in the store.

J. H. King, of the Vancouver store, has joined the Nelson staff, to succeed the late W. Simpson.

THE LATE WILLIAM SIMPSON

Nelson store has lost one of its most esteemed members, William Simpson, the manager of the shoe department, who passed away on Sunday, July 31. Mr. Simpson went through an operation at the Vancouver hospital about two years ago and returned apparently much improved in health. He was born in Airdrie, Scotland, and only came to Canada about six years ago.

His funeral took place at St. Paul's United Church, of which he was one of the governing managers. Many floral tributes testified to his popularity.—*Thelma Heddle*.

Vernon

Again this store has carried off honours for window dressing. This time Geo. Butterworth has received a handsome suit case from the Hurlbut Shoe Co., as third prize in their coast-to-coast window display competition.

L. Livingstone, buyer of the women's and children's wear department, left early in August to visit her parents at Winnipeg on her annual vacation.

The Diamond Jubilee on July 1 was celebrated in this city by a large parade of floats in the morning, followed by sports in our local park in the afternoon, closing the day with a dance in the Recreation Hall. The Company's float took the form of a trading boat representing the early days on Lake Okanagan. The H.B.C. fur brigade was also represented by the public high school staff here, who were highly commended by all those who saw it.

WEDDING

A pretty wedding was solemnized in All Saints' Church on August 4, when Miss Frances Emily Wakefield, recently of our staff, was united in marriage to Mr. Lionel Saxon Kearney, of this city.

The bride was attended by Miss F. M. Wakefield and her sister Miss Gladys Wakefeld. Mr. George Jacques supported the groom.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, after which the happy couple left on a motor trip through the Banff and Lake Louise districts.—*C. C. Packman.*

Kamloops

J. A. Brown, manager of the grocery department, has resigned from the Company's service and H. C. Henthorne, of Vancouver, is taking charge of this department.

Betty Hargraves, of the house furnishings department, left the Company's service to become the bride of W. McDonald, of Victoria. Isobel Hargraves is taking her place in the department.

D. Moulder, of the ready-to-wear department, and N. Dougans, of the fancy goods, returned after spending together two weeks' vacation in Vancouver.

S. L. Cozens, of the office staff, and A. Pattinson, piece goods department, spent their holidays at the coast.

M. E. Nixon, of the office staff, is staying with friends in Vancouver during her vacation.

W. H. Madill, shoe department, and J. Walker, driver, are away on holidays.

D. Reeves, ready-to-wear department, G. Barraclough, fancy goods, and R. Barraclough, of the office staff, are spending their vacation at Paul Lake, B.C.

J. Dougans, of the piece goods section, is away on holidays at Campbell Range.

E. J. Lanceley, manager, has just returned after a week's vacation—*E. J. Lanceley.*

Calgary

Photograph of Mr. H. G. Sommer taken beside "The Oldest Apple Tree in the Northwest." This picture was taken on June 30, 1927, and shows all that remains of the old Fort Vancouver. The photo is of interest to the Hudson's Bay people, as the inscription on the board reads: "The Oldest Apple Tree in the Northwest. Grown from seed brought from England. Planted in 1826 by the Hudson's Bay Company."

FLOAT

In the Confederation parade held on July 1, the Hudson's Bay Company, Calgary, participated in a float, the "Deed of Surrender," for which Messrs. Fewkes and Neal, of our display department, are to be congratulated, as it won first prize.

FIELD DAY

Keen competition was manifest at the annual basket picnic and field day

of the Hudson's Bay Company Employees' Welfare Association on Wednesday afternoon, June 8, at the Hudson's Bay employees' grounds near Shouldice Park, and some interesting events were run off.

On the field, the hard work of the executive committee was in evidence. Two tents were pitched, from which ice cream and peanuts were given to the children. The work of the executive committee was again witnessed by the enthusiasm among the large crowd.

Buyers' race—1, G. H. Benson; 2, Bert Gillespie.

Children's race under ten years—1, Edgar Corbett; 2, Ronald Glover; 3, Maurice O'Connell.

Girls' race (under eighteen years)—1, Connie Russell; 2, Bessie Waugh.

Unmarried ladies' race—1, Ida Cooper; 2, Lois Hurst; 3, Mary O'Hara.

Ladies' and gentlemen's three-legged race—1, Lois Hurst and F. Barnes; 2, N. Brooks and Ed. Glover.

Ladies' peanut race—1, Mrs. Nora Eldridge; 2, Mrs. Florence Dyson.

Married ladies' race—1, Mrs. Wilson; 2, Mrs. R. W. Gibson.

Ladies' and men's wheelbarrow race—1, Florence Dyson and W. Pettigrew; 2, Lois Hurst and F. Barnes.

Boys' race (under sixteen years)—1, George Crowe; 2, Douglas Ireton.

Men's race (100 yards)—1, Wm. Pettigrew; 2, R. W. Gibson.

Ladies' relay race—Groceteria Department.

Men's relay race—Fourth Floor.

Men's sack race—1, M. Porterfield; 2, G. R. Crawford.

Long jump—1, R. W. Gibson; 2, G. R. Crawford.

Men's hop, step and jump—1, R. W. Gibson; 2, Geo. Weir.

Tug-of-war—Third Floor.

Girls' baseball and men's basketball postponed on account of rain.

F. M. Johnston, manager of the Calgary store, presented the prizes.

Mr. Johnston praised the committee for their admirable work and for the large attendance. He was very enthusiastic and said he intended to stand behind the committee and help in organizing another field day as part of the day was spoiled by the heavy downpour of rain.

A few of the picnickers enjoyed a game of golf on the nearby course. Among the old-time employees who were present are J. G. Sprunt, H. Wain, H. Bottomley and Miss A. Atkinson, holders of long service medals, the reward of fifteen years' service.

The record crowd of about five hundred thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon's outing, a number of them remaining till the evening for the dance which was held in the club house, to the music of Hick's orchestra.

The entire staff of the Hudson's Bay Company, Calgary, join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Parker, late manager of our shoe department, every success in their new undertaking, which takes them to Vancouver. Mr. Parker has been associated with the Hudson's Bay Company for twenty years, and a presentation of a smoker's walnut humidor was made to him and a bouquet of roses to Mrs. Parker.

We welcome back Mrs. M. McKay, manageress of our ladies' underwear department, who has recently been spending six weeks in California.

We welcome M. E. Elston to our staff. Miss Elston is the new manageress of our art needlwork department. We wish her every success.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Gibson have recently returned from an automobile trip to Seattle, Vancouver and western points.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry have spent a very pleasant vacation at Kelowna and the middle west lakes of British Columbia.

R. J. Frizzle, manager of our groceteria, is at present on a business trip in Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Benjamin spent an enjoyable holiday touring Windermere, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Utah, returning through the Yellowstone Park.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Cooke have just returned from a pleasant vacation in Vancouver and Victoria.

Mrs. C. A. Plows and her son Arthur have just returned from an eight weeks' tour of eastern Canada, where they were visiting Mr. Plows' parents and numerous friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne McCanse are to be congratulated on their beautiful baby boy, Donald. They are now spending a vacation at Waterton Lakes.

SPORT

Golf—There is much interest being taken by golf enthusiasts at the present time in the competition for the Governor's cup, a much coveted trophy.

The members of the staff all join in congratulating Billy Hudson, of our wholesale staff, who has recently won the Junior Open Amateur Golf championship for western Canada, as played off in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

Bowling—The American Five-Pin bowling team which entered in the Calgary bowling tournament were successful in winning the championship of the city, for which suitable prizes were received by the following players: R. G. Gillespie, W. A. Ilott, from the Hudson's Bay retail store,

and W. C. McKnight, A. P. Donnelly and R. W. Gibson from the Hudson's Bay wholesale.

Football—The Hudson's Bay Company's football team is entered in the second division of the Calgary and District Football Association, and has won three, tied one and lost two games up to the present time. The boys have all been putting up a good game, and the other clubs realize thay have a game on their hands when drawn against our club.—*L. H. Benjamin.*

Edmonton

STAFF HOLDS PICNIC AT ALBERTA BEACH

With over five hundred employees, their wives, sweethearts and families in attendance, the annual picnic of the Hudson's Bay Company was held on Wednesday, July 13, at Alberta Beach.

Sunny Alberta was at its best and this, coupled with the perfectly working arrangements of the central committee, made the event outstanding even with an organization which has thrived on outstanding events.

On arrival at Alberta Beach, little time was lost in making merry. Under the direction of Frank Dynes, general manager of the local store, the Company furnished ice cream, soft drinks and other dainties, while each individual brought his or her own basket. A fine lunch was served and then attention was devoted to sports.

Running races, swimming, boating, dancing and other diversions occupied the afternoon and early evening. Children, who formed a large proportion of the assemblage, were especially catered for, and had a time that will live in their memories for years to come.

Results of the contests were as follows:

Kiddies' race (under four years), 20 yards—First prize (candy), Black; second prize (candy), Chettleborough.

Girls' race (under six years), 20 yards—First prize (candy), Skitch; second prize (candy), Jackson.

Boys' race (under six years), 20 yards—First prize (candy), Herman; second prize (candy), Cherney.

Boys' race (nine years and under), 30 yards—First prize (candy), Hammond; second prize (candy), Magee.

Girls' race (Company), 30 yards—First prize (candy), Kobel; second prize (candy), Halgh.

Boys' race (nine to twelve years), 50 yards—First prize, Miller; second prize, Duclos.

Girls' race (nine to twelve years and Company), 50 yards—First prize, Whitton; second prize, Gobson.

Egg and spoon race (open, ladies), 50 yards—First prize, Miss Campbell; second prize, Miss Metz.

Smoking race (open, mixed), 50 yards and back—First prize, Mr. Haliburton and Miss Fleming; second prize, Mr. Thompson and Miss Kerr.

Sack race (open, men), 50 yards—First prize, Mr. Drayton; second prize, Mr. Burnett.

Ladies' race (single, twelve to sixty years), 50 yards—First prize, Miss Fleming; second prize, Miss J. Young.

Executive race (men), 100 yards—First prize, Mr. Keyser; second prize, Mr. Robertson.

Three-legged race (mixed), 50 yards—First prize, Mr. Burnett and Miss Franklyn; second prize, Mr. Haliburton and Miss Fleming.

Men's race (heats, 100 yards)—First prize, Mr. Burnett; second prize, Mr. Haliburton; third prize, Mr. Esdale.

Married women's race, 50 yards—First prize, Mrs. Howe; second prize, Mrs. Haliburton.

Wheelbarrow race (mixed), 25 yards—First prize, Mr. Bergot and Miss Kerr; second prize, Mr. Esdale, Miss Fleming.

Special relay race (mixed)—First prize (four first prizes), Bergot and Miss Howe; Burnett and Fleming.

Pick-a-back race, 50 yards—First prize, Mr. Phillips and Miss Fleming; second prize, Mr. Drayton and Miss J. Young.

Shoe race (ladies) 75 yards—First prize, Miss Bolton; second prize, Miss J. Young.

Mystery race (men or women), 20 feet—First prize, MacDonald; second prize, Mr. Drayton.

Pie-eating race (men or women)—First prize, Mr. Burnett; second prize, Miss Cameron.

Running broad jump (open)—First prize, Mr. Esdale; second prize, Miss Fleming.

Tug-of-war (men)—First prize (six for winning team), Shipping.

Tug-of-war (women)—First prize (six for winning team), Haliburton's team.

Baseball (married men *vs.* single men)—First prize (nine for winning team), Married, 6 runs, 5 innings.

Soft ball, boys (one hand) *vs.* girls—First prize, H.B.Co. cup, girls, 17 runs.

We welcome to our staff J. J. O'Brien, buyer for the ready-to-wear department.

At the time of writing, the following managers were in the eastern markets: Messrs. Sutherland, staples and dress goods; Grey, ladies' and men's shoes; Hooper, men's and boy's furnishings; Ockendon, furniture; Baird, draperies and carpets; Sexsmith, small wares, drugs and stationery; Misses Peterson, children's wear; McKellar, corsets and underwear. O. C. Johnston, merchandise manager, accompanied the buyers.—*J. P. McNichol.*

Yorkton

The holiday season is now upon us, and we of the H.B.C. can be divided into two classes: those who are looking forward to their holidays and those to whom holidays are already a thing of the past.

One event of considerable interest has occurred recently, the marriage of T. H. Glover, manager of the men's wear department. This took place on Friday, July 29. Mr. Glover was the recipient of many congratulations, to which will be added, upon his return from the honeymoon, a wedding present from members of the H.B.C. staff.

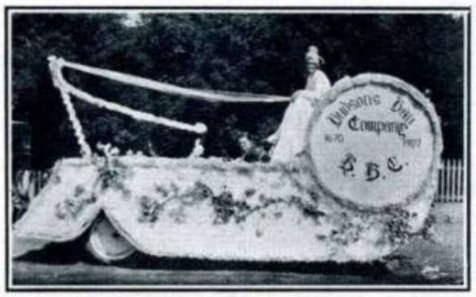
The weather, with which the adjective "glorious" (reminiscent of Goodwood) is usually associated, is now with us and hopes run high in anticipation of bumper crops. The newspaper reports of early frost and the possibility of rust or hail cause, as is only natural, a certain amount of apprehension. But Hope is a rugged virtue, and like other blessings would become atrophied in time if not nourished on proper food. Chief of these is Endeavour, but old man Uncertainty supplies the thrills. And if we seem to dwell overmuch on the topic of the weather, it must be remembered that first and last we are an agricultural town, our very existence depending upon the vagaries of such fickelty.—*T. E. Smale.*

Saskatoon

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mr. Bedford and family in the sad loss of wife and mother.

The Hudson's Bay Company's annual picnic was held at Watrous and was a big success, as usual.

Crops in this district are in wonderful condition, which augurs well for the coming fall trade.—*L. Jones.*



H.B.C. Float, Saskatoon Exhibition Parade, July, 1927

Winnipeg Retail

H.B.C's PART IN THE CONFEDERATION CELEBRATIONS AT WINNIPEG

It was natural to expect that a Company whose history goes back two hundred years before confederation would take a worthy part in the celebration of Canada's Diamond Jubilee.

Our floats in the Winnipeg jubilee parade on July 1 were of a character that provoked widespread attention and admiration. The first one represented a large model of the *Nonsuch*. A dashing crew of little boys (dressed in the nautical dress of 1670, of course) manned her decks, and, from a short distance, the illusion of a real ship sailing down Portage Avenue was splendidly sustained.

Our second float was emblematic of Canada's nationhood. Canada herself, a beautiful young woman richly and appropriately garbed in white, was seated high above the rest of the float, with the national flag draped behind her. The nine provinces were represented by nine pretty girls, also in white. Beside each stood a shield bearing the coat-of-arms of the province she represented. The rich colouring of the shields, contrasted with the pure white of the girls' dresses, made this one of the most striking and pleasing floats in the parade.

Our store front on Portage Avenue was given over to two gigantic coats-of-arms, one for Canada, the other for Hudson's Bay Company, the two being surmounted and joined by a scroll reading "Emblems of Progress." Seen from the other side of the street, this was both striking and dignified.

Particular mention should be made of our show windows. Every window on Portage Avenue was given over to the confederation celebration. In one large section was shown a model of Indians visiting Fort Charles in 1668, a model of Fort Garry at the time of confederation and, between these two models, wax figures in the resplendent costumes of 1670 and the quaint styles of 1867.

The other main section again typified the nationhood of Canada—by means of emblematic shields. The arcade windows were filled with some of the most interesting relics from our historical exhibit, many of them bearing appropriate explanations.

On Friday and Saturday, July 1 and 2, particularly in the evenings, the arcade was crowded with eager throngs studying the models, admiring the lovely dresses, reading explanations on the relics with their fascinating story of bygone days.

Mr. Robert Watson, editor of *The Beaver*, served on Mayor Webb's advisory

committee relative to the historical part of the pageant.

RESTAURANT AND CAFETERIA OPENED

Winnipeg store's restaurant and cafeteria were formally opened on 25th August, when a large attendance of interested customers visited the departments. The fixtures and other equipment are the latest word in dining room requirements and comfort. The decorations of brown, blue and pale green are simple, tasteful and pleasing. Altogether, the new departments should prove a great acquisition to the Winnipeg store.

SHOWERS AND MARRIAGES

Lily Scott

Lily Scott, of the shoe department, left the employ of the Company June 11 to become the bride of Archibald Hardy, of this city. Her friends in the department gave her three showers: Mrs. A. Davidson entertained at a miscellaneous shower, also Mrs. D. J. McDougall; and a personal shower was given by Mildred Pike. Miss Scott was the recipient of many delightful gifts. Before she left, her shoe department fellow workers presented her with a handsome mantel clock. She was married June 25th and resides at 308 Marjory Street. All her friends wish her happiness and good luck.

K. Mackie

K. Mackie, of the fur department, was married June 1 to Russel Campbell. The wedding took place at his home in Miami, Florida. Her many friends in the store extend to her best wishes for prosperity and happiness.

Hilda Genzer

Mrs. C. McGimsie and Mrs. C. Paton entertained at a miscellaneous shower complimentary to Hilda Genzer, of the millinery department, on the 13th of July. The gifts were presented in a prettily decorated hamper by little Helen and Marian Fraser. Those present were: Mesdames J. Fraser, R. Robb, T. Hogg, M. Davidson, S. Reynolds; Misses H. Genzer, A. McCheyne, R. Brownstone, F. Bradley, S. Provender, D. Stevens, R. Taylor, L. Jackson, L. Jackets and E. Penny. Miss Genzer was married August 27 to Mr. V. Hammond, of this city. Her many friends wish her happiness.

A. Hunter

A. Hunter, who has been in the employ of the grocery department for the past seven years, left the Company's services on June 18 to become the bride of James Wilding, of this city. Before leaving, she was presented with a silver comport, also silver candlesticks with candles from the department. N. Senior, V. Clothier and R. Glass entertained for her at showers. She was the recipient of many beautiful gifts. Aileen carries with her the best wishes from her many friends in the store.

V. Morrison

V. Morrison, of the staples department, was to have left his single state of blessedness at the end of August and venture out on the sea of matrimony. But, owing to the illness of his fiancee, the wedding has been postponed until sometime in September.

S. F. Hutchinson

S. F. Hutchinson, stenographer for the clothing department, will be married September 17 to G. Glass, of Winnipeg. We all wish her happiness and prosperity.

G. Lea

In honour of G. Lea, of the bakery department, a miscellaneous shower was held at the home of Mrs. H. W. Lea, 373 Furby Street, on July 25. The gifts were presented in a prettily decorated basket. The guests were: Misses S. Hunter, M. Hunter, E. Kozier, M. Shiney, D. Shipton, R. Lea, E. Wade, E. Douglas and E. Scholberg. She was married in Durban, Manitoba, on August 18. Heartiest good wishes are extended to her by her co-workers.

George Hunter

George Hunter, of the staples department, was married August 22 to Miss L. Downing, of this city. We wish them every happiness.

Dorothy Budden

Mrs. G. B. Winslow and Mrs. F. W. Burrer were joint hostesses at a miscellaneous shower, Friday, August 12, in honour of Dorothy Budden, a bride-elect of August 19. The gifts were presented, in a decorated basket, by little Miss Margaret Stewart, of Leney, Saskatchewan, and Miss Irene Churcher. The evening was spent in music and games. Among those present were: Mesdames Winslow, F. Burrer, Budden, Hutsell, Garthside, Aitkins, Fuller, Coldicott, MacDougall, Crosby, Wilding, Mitchell, Tyne and Strachan; the Misses L. and M. Black, K. Wallis, B. Carroll, Dougol, Anderson, Lyons, Shea, Blondal, Cummings, Smith, Gray, Hamilton, Truscott, Spicer, O'Mallay, J. Anderson, I. Clattenburg, Trick, Rigg, Patterson, Galloway, Napier, Scotland, Brown, Parker, Rundle, Misiner, Hall, Morrer.

On August 19, at St. Matthew's Church, Winnipeg, an event of interest to a great many members of the staff took place, the marriage of Dorothy Budden, of the accountant's office, and R. A. Cunningham, store superintendent. Both have a

wide circle of friends, made during their long association with the old store and with the new. All members of the Company's service who know them join in wishing them a long and prosperous life together.

D. Creighton, of the silk department, is convalescing after a serious sickness.

We are pleased to welcome back E. Bearne, of the silk department, who has been absent on account of a serious operation.

N. Cook and Mrs. M. Burgess, of the underwear department, left August 2 on a buying trip in the eastern states. They expect to be absent about one month.

V. Smale, of the dress department, left for a buying trip and vacation in the east on August 6. This is Miss Smale's first experience in buying, and we are sure she will find it interesting. She will be absent about a month.

W. J. Roberts, assistant manager of the silks department, left July 1 with his wife on a two months' vacation for his home in Wales.

W. E. Watson, manager of the stationery and music departments, left July 31 for Chicago, New York, etc., on a buying trip.

We are glad to welcome back B. Galloway, of the accounts payable department, who has been on three months' leave of absence to visit her sister in the west.

Aileen Long, who has been with the telephones since the opening of our new store, left September 1 for her home in Calgary, Alberta. She is going to enter the Calgary General Hospital to train as a nurse. She has our best wishes.

F. R. McRae, floor manager of the basement floor, left the Company's employ June 10 to accept a position as manager of the Maple Creek branch of the Saskatchewan Co-Operative Creameries Ltd. Before leaving, R. J. Cooke, in behalf of the staff, presented him with a handsome club bag, box of cigarettes and a box of chocolates. He takes with him every kind wish for future prosperity.

Renee Glass, of the grocery order board, left May 19 to join her parents in Victoria, B.C. Before leaving, her friends in the department presented her with a club bag. Renee has been with the store for three years. We wish her luck.

S. Murphy, of the drug order table, left June 11 for Toronto, Ontario, where she has entered her novitiate preparatory to taking the veil as a nun.

Pearl Hall, of the advertising department, has left us after seven years' service. She has returned to her home in Kenora.

Mrs. L. Hutsell, of the accounts payable department, left the Company's employ on September 1. She is going to train as a nurse in the General Hospital in the city.

E. Thiede, assistant manager of the corset department, made a very charming queen on the H.B.C. float of nine provinces in the Confederation parade July 1.

We regret to report the sudden death of F. Reid, of the clothing department, on Wednesday, July 27. He had only been in the employ of the Company a short time, but had made a host of friends during his stay and we will certainly miss him. Sincerest sympathy is extended to his wife in her bereavement.

Sincerest sympathy is extended to Mrs. W. McAlpine, of the advertising department, who had just sustained the loss of her father.

SPORT

Football — The following are extracts from a letter from Duncan Thompson, New Zealand, a member of the staff of the Winnipeg store touring New Zealand on the Canadian all-star football team:

Winnipeg Retail Store's Chief Float in Diamond Jubilee Parade.

Canadian Footballers and Some New Zealanders

"Christchurch, New Zealand
June, 2, 1927

"At last I find time to drop a line or two. I must let you know that I have been in bed for five days now and will be on the injured list for another two weeks. I hurt my knee last week while playing at Dunedin. Our team leaves Christchurch Monday morning for Timaru, but I am being shipped on to Wellington for treatment. I will be under the care of a masseur. I have had a wonderful time, and up till now we have only lost one game, and I can say honestly that even that should never have happened.

"When we arrive in a town, we are rushed off to civic receptions, and we have to train every morning. We are entertained to drives in the afternoon and dances at night, so you see we are kept very busy and have little time of our own for writing. We leave New Zealand on August 2, and hope to be home on the 19th. I intend starting work on the 20th. Give my regards to all my friends in the store. I will be glad to be back to work again. I had a visit tonight from a nephew of Mr. Donaldson, our credit manager. I hope to see his brother and sister tomorrow.

"The weather is cold here at present. In Canada they told me that they never have snow in New Zealand, but I know different now. Yours, DUNCAN THOMPSON."

Soft Ball—"The Beaver" girls soft ball team have had their first year in the city league of Winnipeg. The girls played good ball all season, but the experience of the older teams in the league was a handicap to the novices of "The Beavers." With the experience the girls got this year, we are sure they will give a good account of themselves next season, so we wish all our supporters to watch for them.

Soft Ball—The H.B.C. commercial soft ball team has just completed its first season in an organized league. The boys made a very creditable showing, finishing second, losing only two games, both to the division-leading C.N.R. team. Some very fine games were played. The affairs of the team were ably looked after by W. Davidson, president; George Foster, secretary-treasurer; J. S. Morrison, manager. The following is a list of players: M. Barr, E. Flockton, G. Astle, P. Schwartz, L. Webb, J. Young, C. Horne, A. Dick, G. Foster, E. Brown, L. Smith, G. Hinde, E. Dey, J. S. Morrison, C. Preece and H. Webb.

Football—H.B.C. footballers have been making their mark in local mercantile league circles, as their record to date will testify: Games played, 11; won, 7; lost, 2; drawn, 2. The team stands second in the league, and is in the final for the Mercantile cup knock-out competition, having defeated McDonald's Limited and the strong Swift-Canadian team by 2-0, after drawing the first game with Swift's at one goal each. They meet City Dairy in the final. It is interesting to note that City Dairy has a player on the Canadian football team in New Zealand, J. Brolley, as also has the H.B.C. team in D. Thompson. The boys have been playing splendid football, considering this is their first season together, and with the experience gained and the addition of other players available, should have a great team next season. It looks at this date that our final position will be second this season, although there is a possibility of Swift-Canadians slipping up and our gaining first place.

The H.B.C. team met City Dairy on August 18 in the final of the Mercantile cup. The game was called seven minutes from time on account of darkness, with H.B.C. team in the lead by four goals to one, after a splendid display from the H.B.C. eleven.—*T. F. Reith.*

Lethbridge

Mrs. W. C. Caverhill, formerly H. B. Dall, buyer of our ready-to-wear department, has severed her connections with this store and in the future will make her home in Vancouver, where she will be more than pleased to meet any of the Hudson's Bay staff.—*H. N. Louth.*

Winnipeg Wholesale

Ed. la Plume, warehouseman, died suddenly on May 30, 1927, at his home, 472 Ritchot Street, St. Boniface. He was at work on the day of his death, and apparently in his usual good health. He leaves a wife and nine of a family, to whom is extended the sympathy of the entire staff of the Winnipeg wholesale.

Arthur Brock, credit manager, who was in the Old Country on leave of absence

owing to the state of his health, has returned and looks much the better for the change and rest.

Bowling—E. H. Hughes, manager, tea department, wholesale, won his way into the final of the singles championship of the Manitoba lawn bowling tournament, after defeating W. Wyllie in the semi-final by a 21 to 3 score. He was beaten by Geo. Scott, his own rink lead, by four shots, after a spectacular twenty-seven-end game. Mr. Hughes also won a first and a third prize at Brandon.—*F. G. May.*

Winnipeg General

FUR TRADE, LAND AND WHOLESALE PICNIC AT MATLOCK

The employees of the Hudson's Bay Company fur trade, land and wholesale departments, held their annual joint picnic at Park Sans Souci, Matlock, Lake Winnipeg, on Saturday, June 25, with an attendance of 300, where a most enjoyable time was spent and a long list of races were run off.

The following officers of the Company were present: A. H. Doe, controller of store construction; C. H. French, fur trade commissioner; W. S. Lecky, secretary Canadian committee; and C. W. Veysey, wholesale department.

Mrs. C. W. Veysey presented the prizes whilst supper was being served.

All arrangements were made by the following, together with their sub-committees: Sports, D. Ritchie; prizes, B. Everitt; refreshments, J. Poitras; transportation, D. Steven; secretary, J. G. Woolison; and treasurer, H. R. Charlewood. The results of the lengthy programme are as follows:

Boys, six years and under—1, Stanley Oldfield; 2, David Shearer; 3, Arthur Morrison.

Girls, six years—1, Helen Warrington; 2, Pat Anderson; 3, Olive French.

Boys, eight years—1, Lewis Pocock; 2, Everitt Morrison; 3, Sam Purves.

Girls, eight years—1, Mary Pitts; 2, Gladys Wright; 3, Vera Brotheridge.

Boys, ten years—1, David Ritchie; 2, Jack Ritchie; 3, Cedric Bridgewater.

Girls, ten years—1, Peggy Pitts; 2, Gertrude Pocock; 3, Antoinette Poitras.

Boys, twelve years—1, Leonard Bridgewater; 2, Donald Wright; 3, Charley Veysey.

Girls, twelve years—1. Alice Poitras; 2, Marjory Allen; 3, Doreen Darracott.

Boys, fourteen years—1, Leonard Bridgewater; 2, William Nairn; 3, David Steven.

Girls, fourteen years—1, Donna Dunham; 2, Kathleen Jackson; 3, Grace Reid.

Boys, sixteen years—1, W. Nairn; 2, C. Leach.

Girls, sixteen years—1, Charlotte Gunning; 2, Donna Dunham; 3, Grace Reid.

Boys, eighteen years—1, C. Conway; 2, Allan Bonin; 3, Lawrence Allan.

Girls, eighteen years—1, Miss D. Cooke (land); 2, Miss Hinds (wholesale); 3, Miss Barnes (land).

Boys' balloon race—1, W. Nairn; 2, Arthur Brotheridge; 3, David Everitt.

Ladies' novelty balloon race—1, Mrs. Wells; 2, Miss Law; 3, Miss Hinds.

Men's, forty years and over—1, E. J. Riley; 2, H. Pitts; 3, C. W. Elliott.

Men's, employees only—1, Gordon Caslake; 2, W. Thorogood; 3, P. Carey.

Boot and shoe race—1, Georges Poitras; 2, Max Pocock; 3, Ross Colman.

Men's, fifteen years service and over—1, J. G. Woolison; 2, E. J. Riley; 3, C. W. Elliott.

Wheelbarrow race—1, Georges and Leone Poitras; 2, Rodney Keighley and Miss Reid; 3, Herbert Garner and Miss Hinds.

Men's championship—1, Gordon Caslake; 2, W. Thorogood; 3, P. Carey.

Ladies' championship—1, Miss D. Cooke; 2, Miss K. Hinds; 3, Miss C. Shearer.

Married ladies—1, Mrs. Gow; 2, Mrs. Caslake; 3, Mrs. Oldfield.

Sack race—1, A. H. MacDonald; 2, Alex. Bonin; 3, H. Garner.

Managers, departmental—1, W. Nairn; 2, C. Miller; 3, John Poitras.

Relay race, departmental, two ladies two gentlemen—1, Fur Trade; 2, Wholesale; 3, Land Department.

Three-legged race—1, Miss Barnes and Rodney Keighley; 2, Miss C. French and P. Carey; 3, Miss C. Gunning and C. Conway.

Men's open—1, W. Thorogood; 2, G. Caslake; 3, C. Conway.

Tug-of-war, departmental—1, Fur Trade; 2, Wholesale. Fur Trade beat Land and Wholesale departments.

Driving golf ball—1, Basil Everitt; 2, J. K. Reid; 3, F. G. May.—*A. Knowles.*

H.B.C. HISTORICAL EXHIBIT

The register of the Hudson's Bay Company's historical exhibit, since the reopening on June 18 till August 11, has been signed by 3,450 visitors, and many others have visited the exhibit.

Below are noted some of the places from which the visitors came:

England	France
Scotland	Germany
Ireland	China
Wales	Denmark
Africa	Holland
Australia	Iceland
India	Ukrania
New Zealand	United States
West Indies	

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LAND COMMISSIONER
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Land Department

Edmonton

On August 8 we were pleased to have a visit from Mr. James Thomson, a member of the Canadian Committee of the Company. Mr. Thomson was here representing the Company at the unveiling ceremony of the cairn erected by the Dominion Government to commemorate the sites of the first forts in this district—Fort Augustus and Fort Edmonton.

N. K. Light, who has been with us for the last four years as senior stenographer, left for England the end of May to reside with her parents.

Crop conditions throughout the whole of Alberta could not be better than they are at this time, August 10. The yield of wheat promises well, some estimates being as high as thirty-five bushels per acre as an average.—*J. R. McIntosh.*

Fur Trade

Commissioner's Office

May 27—Hugh Conn returned from his trip of inspection of Lake Superior district.

June 2—W. G. McLean arrived to take up duties in the F.T.C.O. Capt. D. O. Morris arrived in Winnipeg, en route for western Arctic.

June 21—R. M. Duncan, of Attawapiskat post, arrived at head office.

July 8—Geo. C. Collins, of Island Lake, and C. H. M. Gordon, of Fort Alexander, visited head office.

July 11—J. F. Seguin, W. D. Fraser and F. Aldous arrived in Winnipeg.

RESIGNATION OF MR. S. T. YOUNGMAN

Mr. S. T. Youngman, manager of Saskatchewan District, Fur Trade Department, resigned on the 31st August, after a service with the Company of twenty-five years. The staff of his district presented him with a gold watch, suitably inscribed, as a memento of good-will and high regard.

Montreal

The S.S. *Bayrupert* sailed on the 11th July and the S.S. *Nascopie* on the 12th July. Both vessels were fully loaded with supplies for the northern posts and carried a considerable number of passengers.

Among the passengers on the *Bayrupert* were S. H. Parsons, Labrador sub-district manager; Messrs. Binney and Farquharson, of the development department; Mrs. Watt and her family, who are returning to Rupert's House; while on the *Nascopie* there were, among others, Rev. A. L. Fleming and Rev. Smyth, of the Anglican mission; Bishop Turquetil and two priests, of the Roman Catholic mission, and J. Berthe, of the Revillon Freres Trading Company.

Both vessels carried a number of apprentice clerks, newly arrived from Britain, and proceeding to their allotted posts.

The district manager, Ralph Parsons, with George Watson, took passage on the *Nascopie* to inspect the northern posts and to attend to the customary business of the season.

Dr. R. B. Stewart and Dr. T. M. Jones accompanied the S.S. *Bayrupert* and the S.S. *Nascopie*, respectively, to visit the posts and to render such medical attention as might be found necessary.

Mr. Ritchie acted as purser on the *Bayrupert*, as usual, while A. Brown acted in a similar capacity on the *Nascopie*.

Captain Smellie was in command of the *Bayrupert* and Captain Mack of the *Nascopie*.

Among visitors to this office during the past three months may be mentioned Sir Thomas Hewitt Skinner, Mr. George W. Allan, K.C., and Honourable A. J. P. Howard, directors of the Company; J. V. Turley, J. A. Thom, H. Leith, A. Bremner, C. Picaude, P. Maloney, George Webster, all post managers, who have been in Montreal either on business in connection with their posts or returning from furlough.

S. H. Parsons, in charge of the Labrador sub-district, paid a brief visit here in connection with the business of the sub-district, and left on the *Bayrupert* to inspect his posts.

F. Dykes is leaving Montreal soon for Winnipeg, to take up duty there. We wish him every success in his new sphere. T. Sinclair is taking his place here and we are pleased to welcome him back.

S. M. Walker, now retired, paid us a visit lately.

H. Hodkisson visited Oskelaneo and Weymont posts last month, and has now gone to inspect the gulf posts.

P. A. Chester, chief accountant, paid us a short business visit the other day.

B. A. Peck, of the wholesale department, has left the Company and taken up a position with A. Ramsay Son and Company, of Montreal. We wish him every success in his new sphere.

At the time of writing, the S.S. *Karmoy* is loading the duplicate of the supplies lost on the S.S. *Bayrupert* and will proceed, next week, to meet the S. S. *Nascopie* at St. John's. The supplies will be transferred to the S.S. *Nascopie* there, and she will make a second trip north to deliver them.—*Ralph Parsons.*

Mackenzie River-Athabasca Districts

One of the notable events of the year occurred on June 28, when the weekly train to Waterways over the Alberta & Great Waterways railway pulled out of Edmonton to connect with the first through trip to Aklavik and "points farther north." There are always many sightseers around the station to watch the departure of the regular train for the north, but they amount to a crowd when the "train of the year" departs. All kinds and conditions of men are represented in the motley crowd of passengers then assembled. This year there were two dignitaries of the church in the persons of Bishop Stringer, Anglican bishop of the Yukon and Mackenzie River dioceses, and Bishop Breynat, Roman Catholic bishop of Mackenzie, who was returning to the north after an absence in Europe. With them travelled a number of missionaries of their respective churches, either going in for the first time or returning after furlough outside.

The Presbyterian Church was represented by Reverend Robert Johnston, D.D., of St. Catherines, Ontario. This gentleman was one of the first ministers to broadcast sermons to isolated listeners in the far north, and had many friends there whom he has spoken to but has never seen.

The Roman Catholic Church was also represented by the Mother General and the Mother Provincial of the Order of Grey Nuns, who were going on a visit of inspection to the hospitals and schools maintained by their Order.

There were many officers and other ranks of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and members of the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals going to take up duties at the various radio stations.

There were residents of the north, country, traders and trappers, who were returning after a winter outside.

But perhaps the most interested of the crowd present were the tourists who were going in to catch their first glimpse of the midnight sun. For the first time, perhaps, they were meeting in real life the sort of fellow who flits across the silver screen at the movies or who prances through the pages of the novelist who writes of the frozen north from the depths of a comfortable chair in Florida. But, alas, while he might have been a husky specimen of manhood, he displayed no six-shooters, though perhaps he might, later on, when he discarded his city clothes.

The visitors from the east and south were also wondering why everyone but themselves spoke of going "down north" when it seemed reasonable to say "up north," but this apparent anomaly would soon be explained.

In addition to these were a number of the Company's servants going to various posts, some novices and others seasoned northmen. Hugh Conn, to whom this trip is becoming familiar, was taking in a party to the western Arctic district.

One picturesque feature of former years was absent, for since the Waterways train has commenced its journey from the Canadian National depot, the cars of buffalo being transported from the park at Wainwright to the Great Slave Lake buffalo preserve are not picked up until the train arrives at the old Dunvegan yards. The animals still go north in large numbers, and are stated to be thriving in their new home.

As usual, L. Romanet, district manager, has spent the summer visiting posts between Edmonton and the Arctic ocean.

J. Melvin, assistant district manager, has spent the summer inspecting posts in Athabasca district.

H. P. Warne, of the Edmonton fur purchasing agency, attended the Seattle fur sales in June.—*L. Romanet.*

Musings

I look above unto the sky
And look for long, and wonder why
God sent the clouds like waves to float
And rock the moon, a silver boat
A-sailing by, with star-guard nigh.

I look below unto the seas,
Still guardians of deep mysteries,
And wish that I might understand
The lullaby which to the sand
The ripples sing as buoy-bells ring.

Love and hatred; want and wealth;
Joy and sorrow; sickness, health.
We seem to live; we seem to die.
Time flits too fast to wonder "Why."
Let fears be riven: God is in Heaven.

"M."

London, England

Although it is now well on in July, London is still waiting for summer, and people are beginning to wonder if there is to be one at all, or whether we shall be like Canada in 1816, and have to do without altogether.

Great interest was taken here in the total eclipse which took place on the 29th June, but unfortunately the weather in most places turned out to be cloudy, and although thousands of people all over the country got up early in the morning, very few actually saw the phenomenon.

The Company's General Court was held on the 28th June, at which Mr. G. W. A. Allan, K.C., Chairman of the Canadian Committee, was present and gave an interesting address. Points of great interest to the fur trade here were the announcements by the Governor that the Company has made agreements with the Revillon Trading Company and the Moravian Mission, and also that they had interests in two silver fox farms in Prince Edward Island.

It was unfortunate that rain prevented the holding of the sports meeting arranged for the 14th July, especially after the great enthusiasm shown by all at the idea and the large number of entries received. However, it is hoped that we shall be able to hold it at some future date, when the departmental championship, relay races and tug-of-war will be decided.

No news from the buying department, except that they are very busy with a rush of orders for goods for the new stores in Canada.

The cold storage plant at Beaver House is now running, and a visit to the cold chambers conjures up visions of arctic blizzards. Most of the floors in the fur warehouse are now being cooled by the air-washer system, which practically ensures freedom from moths and provides cool fresh air on the sorting floors despite sultry atmosphere outside.

Mr. Lee, brother of Miss Lee of head office, is now attached to the development department as research chemist, and is to be provided with a laboratory at Beaver House.

Misses Andrews, Rossiter and Woodhead, and Mr. Fryer, Canadian buyers, have been visiting London and the Continent. The first two are returning on the S.S. *Minnedosa*, and the last two on the S.S. *Montclare*.

We were sorry to lose Mr. Edwards, of head office, who has joined the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank.

During the "show" week preceding the Company's last spring sale, a Persian business friend, who was shown round the new warehouse, was afterwards asked what he thought of the new building. He replied that he would require a fortnight of dreams in order to realize the the beauty and all the practical advantages of it.

Our best wishes to Mr. McKay, who has left the transfer office to take up a position with the fur department in Vancouver.—*J. D. J. Forbes.*

General

THE LATE SHERIFF PETER GUNN

Sheriff Peter Gunn, one of the pioneers of northern Alberta, died at his home, 10709 Saskatchewan Drive, Edmonton, on Tuesday, June 21, 1927. He was sixty-three years old and came direct to Edmonton from Scotland in 1883.

The late Mr. Gunn was sheriff of the Peace River and Athabasca districts, having been appointed to those offices on June 14, 1916.

In 1883, Peter Gunn, then a lad in his late 'teens, came to Canada in the service of the Hudson's Bay Company. Mr. Gunn remained in the service of the Company and had charge of posts at Dunvegan, Fort St. John, Grouard and other northern points.

In 1891, Peter Gunn was married at Grouard. He left the service of the Hudson's Bay Company in 1909, but has always followed the Company's progress and has studied its history with keen interest.

Deceased was a fishery inspector for the Dominion government for a number of years, and was also the owner of a large

farm at Spirit River. He was also an enthusiastic curler and a member of the Granite Club. He was a member of Masonic Lodge No. 7, Edmonton.

MR. GEORGE W. ALLAN, K.C. ENTERTAINED

Mr. W. H. Cooke, general manager, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Northern Alberta zone, and Mr. P. A. Chester, chief accountant, were hosts at a delightful dinner party of a number of the officers of the Hudson's Bay Company in Winnipeg, given in honour of Mr. George W. Allan, K.C., member of the Committee in London and Chairman of the Canadian Committee, welcoming Mr. Allan home after his visit to Europe.

VISIT OF DIRECTORS TO WINNIPEG

Sir Hewitt Skinner, a member of the Committee in London, visited Winnipeg on the 18th and 19th of July. He met the heads and a number of the staff of the various departments and viewed the properties of the Company in Winnipeg, including the new store.

Sir Hewitt's family has a long connection with the Hudson's Bay Company, as his father, the late Sir Thomas Skinner, was a member of the Committee for a number of years, Deputy Governor 1910-1914 and Governor 1914-1916.

The Hon. A. J. P. Howard and Mrs. Howard visited Winnipeg on the 21st and 22nd of July. Mr. Howard also met the heads and a number of the staff of the various departments and viewed the properties of the Company in Winnipeg.

Mr. Howard is a member of the Committee in London. His family's connection with the Company dates back a long way, his grandfather being the late first Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal who started with the Company in the year 1838 and was Governor in London 1889-1914. Mr. Howard has also further connections with the Company, as his grandmother was one of the Hardistys, an old H.B.C. family.

In the absence of Mr. George W. Allan, K.C., Chairman of the Canadian Committee, Mr. George F. Galt and Mr. James Thomson entertained both parties to luncheon, at which some members of the staff and a number of friends of the Company in Winnipeg were present.

In addition to getting a good insight into the present day activities of the Company, Sir Hewitt Skinner and Mr. Howard visited Lower Fort Garry, where an opportunity was afforded them to recall something of the life at the Company's trading posts in earlier years.

Sir Hewitt had to return east on private business, but Mr. and Mrs. Howard continued west, and visited other establishments of the Company, although nominally they are on a holiday.

Bruno Weyers

Bruno Weyers, correspondent for the Hudson's Bay Company in New York, is well known to many of the Company's staff.

He was born on August 26, 1870, in Brooklyn, New York, and as a young man gained a wide experience when assisting in the introduction of electric lighting, U.S.A. locomotives, and raw cotton into Japan. He has been extensively engaged for a number of years in business with the Orient.

During the Great War, Mr. Weyers was in charge of the New York office which handled the U.S.A. business of the Company's fleet of ships, known as the Bay Steam Ship Company, which transported over eighteen million tons of general supplies for the allies, as well as troops and ammunition.

For his splendid work in this connection, Mr. Weyers was decorated with the French Legion of Honour, also the American Legion of Honour.

Bruno Weyers has been a director of the Educational Film Company for the past six and a half years. During the last three years of this period he has also held the office of vice-president of that company.

He is a member of the Lawyers' Club, of New York City, is married and has a family of four daughters, one of whom is married.

Mr. Weyers makes his home on his farm in the suburbs of New York. He is greatly interested in rural life.

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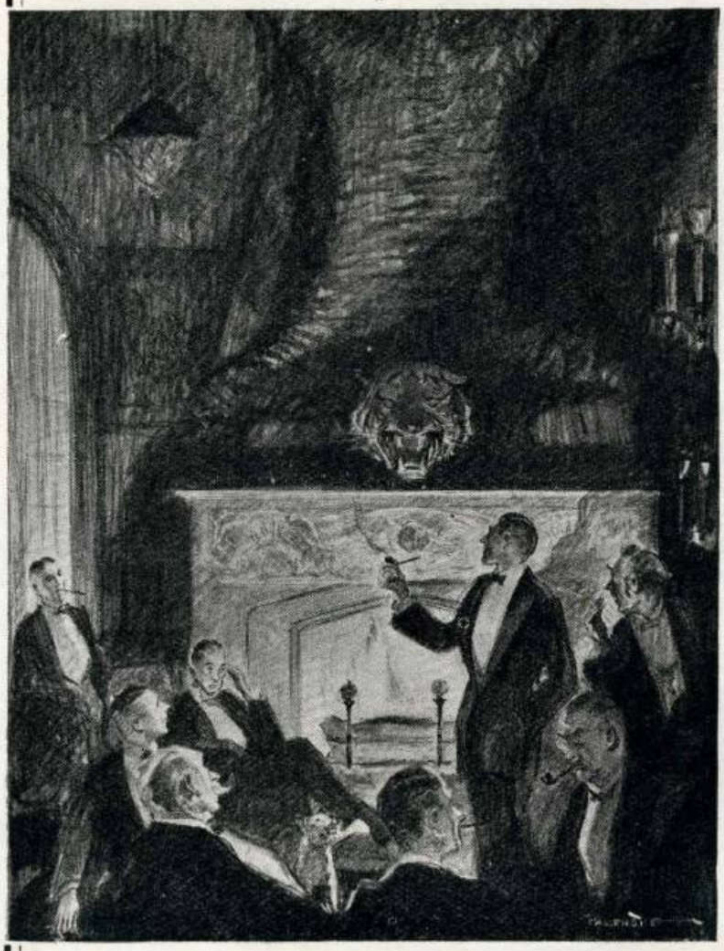

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